

DA4. Being Welcoming & Hospitable to Our Brother and Neighbor.

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This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 12:13

Share what you have with God's people, and practice hospitality.

Romans 15:7

So welcome each other, just as the Messiah has welcomed you into God's glory.

Hebrews 13:2 (NKJ)

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

1 Peter 4:9

Welcome one another into your homes without grumbling.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

BEING WELCOMING

Matthew 18:4-5, 25, 42-43

Mark 6:11, 9:37

Luke 9:5, 11, 48, 10:8, 10, 38, 14:12-14, 15:2, 19:5-6

John 4:44-45

Acts 15:4, 18:27, 28:1-2

Romans 14:1, 16:1-2

Galatians 4:14

Colossians 4:10

Hebrews 11:31

James 2:25

BEING HOSPITABLE

Luke 10:30-35, 24:29

Acts 2:16, 16:15, 28:7

1 Timothy 3:2, 5:10

Titus 1:7-8

Hebrews 13:1-2

1 Peter 4:8-10

Related New Testament Mitzvot

BA41 Welcoming Yeshua by Welcoming Children

GB27 Welcoming and Caring for Little Children and Those Pure of Spirit

NA02 Relying on Hospitality and the Support of Others When We Travel for Ministry

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 18:1-8

ADONAI appeared to Avraham by the oaks of Mamre as he sat at the entrance to the tent during the heat of the day. He raised his eyes and looked, and there in front of him stood three men. On seeing them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, prostrated himself on the ground, and said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, please don't leave your servant. Please let me send for some water, so that you can wash your feet; then rest under the tree, and I will bring a piece of bread. Now that you have come to your servant, refresh yourselves before going on." "Very well," they replied, "do what you have said." Avraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, three measures of the best flour! Knead it and make cakes." Avraham ran to the herd, took a good, tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then he took curds, milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it all before the men; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

Genesis 19:1-3

The two angels came to S'dom that evening, when Lot was sitting at the gate of S'dom. Lot saw them, got up to greet them and prostrated himself on the ground. He said, "Here now, my lords, please come over to your servant's house. Spend the night, wash your feet, get up early, and go on your way." "No," they answered, "we'll stay in the square." But he kept pressing them; so they went home with him; and he made them a meal, baking matzah for their supper, which they ate.

Genesis 20:15

Then Avimelekh said, "Look, my country lies before you; live where you like."

Genesis 24:31

"Come on in," he said, "you whom ADONAI has blessed! Why are you standing outside when I have made room in the house and prepared a place for the camels?"

Genesis 47:12

Yosef provided food for his father, his brothers and all his father's household, taking full care of even the youngest.

Leviticus 19:33-34

If a foreigner stays with you in your land, do not do him wrong. Rather, treat the foreigner staying with you like the native-born among you- you are to love him as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt; I am ADONAI your God.

Joshua 6:17

But the city and everything in it is to be set aside for ADONAI and therefore to be destroyed completely; only Rachav the prostitute is to be spared, she and everyone with her in her house, because she hid the messengers we sent.

Judges 19:16-21

In time, at nightfall, an old man came from his work in the field. He was from the Efrayim hills and was staying in Giv'ah, although the residents were of Binyamin. The old man looked up, saw the traveler in the city's open space and said, "Where are you going, and where are you coming from?" He replied, "We're crossing from Beit-Lechem in Y'hudah to the far side of the Efrayim hills. That's where I'm from. I went to Beit-Lechem in Y'hudah, and now I'm going to the house of ADONAI; but there's no one here who will let me spend the night in his home. We have straw and food for our donkeys, also bread and wine for me, my concubine and the boy there with your servants; we don't need anything else." The old man said, "You're welcome to stay with me. I'll take care of anything you lack; just don't spend the night out in the open." So he brought him home and gave food to the donkeys. Then they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

2 Samuel 9:7-13

David said to him, "Don't be afraid, for I am determined to be kind to you for the sake of Y'honatan your father. I will restore to you all the land of Sha'ul your [grand]father, and you will always eat at my table." He prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant that makes you pay such attention to a dead dog like me?" The king called to Tziva, Sha'ul's servant, and said to him, "I have given everything Sha'ul and his family owned to your master's [grand]son. You are to work the land for him, you, your sons and your slaves. Harvest the crops, so that your master's [grand]son will have food to feed his family; but M'fivoshet your master's [grand]son will always eat at my table." Tziva had fifteen sons and twenty slaves. Tziva said to the king, "Your servant will do everything my lord the king commands his servant, although M'fivoshet has been eating at my table as one of the king's descendants." M'fivoshet had a young son whose name was Mikha. Everyone living in Tziva's house was a servant of M'fivoshet. But M'fivoshet lived in Yerushalayim; he always ate at the king's table, and he was lame in both legs.

1 Kings 17:10-14

So he set out and went to Tzarfat. On reaching the gate of the city, he saw a widow there gathering sticks. He called out to her, "Please bring a little water in a container for me to drink." As she was going to get it, he called after her, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." She answered, "As ADONAI your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a pot and a little oil in the jug. Here I am, gathering a couple sticks of wood, so that I can go and cook it for myself and my son. After we have eaten that, we will die." Eliyahu said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go; and do what you said; but first, use a little of it to make me a small loaf of bread; and bring it out to me. After that, make food for yourself and your son. For this is what ADONAI the God of Isra'el, says: 'The pot of meal will not get used up, nor will there fail to be oil in the jug, until the day ADONAI sends rain down on the land.'"

2 Kings 4:8-13

One day Elisha visited Shunem, and a well-to-do woman living there pressed him to stay and eat a meal. After this, whenever he came through, he stopped there for a meal. She said to her husband, "I can see that this is a holy man of God who keeps stopping at our place. Please, let's build him a little room on the roof. We'll put a bed and a table in it for him, and a stool and a candlestick. Then, whenever he comes to visit us, he can stay there." One day Elisha came to visit there, and he went into the upper room to lie down. He said to Geichazi his servant, "Call this Shunamit." He called her; and when she arrived, he said to him, "Tell her this: 'You have shown us so much hospitality! What can I do to show my appreciation? Do you want me to say anything to the king for you? or to the commander of the army?' She answered, "I'm happy living as I do, among my own people."

Job 31:32

No stranger had to sleep in the street; I kept my house open to the traveler.

Comment

Being hospitable is treating a person who visit us or dwells with us with kindness and consideration. Being welcoming is related but not the same. We can be hospitable to a person and even say "Welcome!," but he is not really welcome if our show of hospitality has no joy and is out of obligation only. Being truly welcoming means that we are happy that the person is with us, and are happy to show him hospitality.

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N11 Being Hospitable