

# DA24. Loving Our Brother & Neighbor.

*We are to love our brother and our neighbor.*

DA24a: *We are to love our brother.*

DA24b: *We are to love our neighbor.*

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

## Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 19:19

*honor father and mother and love your neighbor as yourself.*

Matthew 22:39

*And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'*

Mark 12:30-31

*'and you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other mitzvah greater than these.*

John 13:34-35

*I am giving you a new command: that you keep on loving each other. In the same way that I have loved you, you are also to keep on loving each other. Everyone will know that you are my talmidim by the fact that you have love for each other.*

John 15:12

*This is my command: that you keep on loving each other just as I have loved you.*

Romans 12:10

*Love each other devotedly and with brotherly love; and set examples for each other in showing respect.*

Romans 14:15

*and if your brother is being upset by the food you eat, your life is no longer one of love. Do not, by your eating habits, destroy someone for whom the Messiah died!*

Galatians 5:13-14

*For, brothers, you were called to be free. Only do not let that freedom become an excuse for allowing your old nature to have its way. Instead, serve one another in love. For the whole of the Torah is summed up in this one sentence: "Love your neighbor as yourself"*

1 Thessalonians 3:12

*And as for you, may the Lord make you increase and overflow in love toward each other, indeed, toward everyone, just as we do toward you;*

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

*Concerning love for the brothers we do not need to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other; and you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do it even more.*

2 Thessalonians 1:3

*We have to keep thanking God for you always, brothers, as is appropriate; because your trust continues to grow greater, and the love you each have for one another continues to increase.*

1 Peter 1:22

*Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, so that you have a sincere love for your brothers, love each other deeply, with all your heart.*

1 Peter 2:17

*Be respectful to all- keep loving the brotherhood, fearing God and honoring the emperor.*

1 Peter 3:5

*Finally, all of you, be one in mind and feeling; love as brothers; and be compassionate and humble-minded,*

1 John 2:10

*The person who keeps loving his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing in him that could make him trip.*

**Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 5:43, 7:12

Luke 6:31, 10:25-28

John 13:34-35, 15:17

Romans 13:8-9

1 Corinthians 14:1

2 Corinthians 2:8, 6:6

Galatians 5:13-14, 22-23

Ephesians 3:16-17, 4:2-3, 5:1-2

Philippians 2:4

Colossians 3:14

1 Thessalonians 2:7, 3:6, 4:6, 5:8

1 Timothy 1:5

James 2:8

1 Peter 2:17, 4:8

1 John 3:10-11, 14-15, 23, 4:7-8, 11-12, 19-21, 5:2-3

2 John 1:5

Revelation 2:19

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GB34 Doing Everything in Love

**Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Leviticus 19:18

*Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am ADONAI.*

Deuteronomy 10:19

*Therefore you are to love the foreigner, since you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.*

**Comment**

The New Testament Greek word for “love” as it applies to this *Mitzvah* (e.g. in Matthew 22:39) is ἀγαπήσε (“*agape*”). Unlike the English word “love” in today’s vernacular, “*agape*” does not imply emotion or feeling; rather it implies a sacrificial responsibility to do for another that which is in his or her best interest. The equivalent Hebrew word for “love” in Leviticus 19:18 is

אָהַבְתָּ (“*v’ahavta*,”), the root word of which carries the same meaning as “*agape*.”

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