

AA10. Having Godly Compassion.

We are to have godly compassion.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Luke 6:36

Show compassion, just as your Father shows compassion.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with feelings of compassion and with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Peter 3:8

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

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:7, 12:7, 18:33, 23:23

Luke 10:30-37

Romans 1:31, 11:30-31, 12:8, 15

Philippians 2:1-2

James 2:13

Jude 1:22-23

Related New Testament Mitzvot

BA38 Knowing the Compassion of Yeshua

DA29 Being Merciful and Not Cruel, Brutal, Heartless, or Ruthless

DA32 Empathizing & Sympathizing with Our Neighbor's Joys and Sorrows

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Isaiah 58:6-7

Here is the sort of fast I want- releasing those unjustly bound, untying the thongs of the yoke, letting the oppressed go free, breaking every yoke, sharing your food with the hungry, taking the homeless poor into your house, clothing the naked when you see them, fulfilling your duty to your kinsmen!

Daniel 4:24(27)-25(28)

“Therefore, your majesty, please take my advice: break with your sins by replacing them with acts of charity, and break with your crimes by showing mercy to the poor; this may extend the time of your prosperity.” All this happened to King N'vukhadnetzar.

Zechariah 7:9

In the past ADONAI-Tzva'ot said, 'Administer true justice. Let everyone show mercy and compassion to his brother.'

Comment

Compassion, mercy, love, and forgiveness are closely related. Compassion is a deep empathetic feeling for another's difficulties, while mercy refers to actions taken in response to feelings of compassion. It is technically possible to show mercy without having compassion, and to be compassionate while withholding mercy. That notwithstanding, God calls us to both, and they are listed as separate *Mitzvot* in this compilation.

In the *Tanakh*, except for the two Scriptures noted above, Scriptures on compassion and mercy are God's toward us, and not our compassion and mercy toward others.

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

N18 *Being Compassionate & Merciful Toward Our Neighbor*