

DA26. Not Quarreling or Fighting with Our Neighbor.

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BA26a: *We are not to quarrel with our neighbor.*

BA26b: *We are not to fight with our neighbor.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 13:13

Let us live properly, as people do in the daytime- not partying and getting drunk, not engaging in sexual immorality and other excesses, not quarrelling and being jealous.

Galatians 5:14-15

For the whole of the Torah is summed up in this one sentence: "Love your neighbor as yourself"; but if you go on snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other!

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Romans 1:29, 14:20-21

1 Corinthians 3:3

2 Corinthians 12:20-21

Galatians 5:20-21

2 Timothy 2:14, 24

Titus 3:2, 9

James 4:2

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DA40 Having Fellowship but Not Arguing with Persons Who Are Weak in Faith

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NA26 Being a Peacemaker

GB18 Living a Quiet, Peaceful, Discreet and Industrial Life

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 13:8

Avram said to Lot, "Please, let's not have quarreling between me and you, or between my herdsmen and yours, since we're kinsmen."

Genesis 45:23-24

Likewise, to his father he sent ten donkeys loaded with the finest goods Egypt produced, as well as ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread and food for his father to eat on the return journey. Thus he sent his brothers on their way, and they left; he said to them, "Don't quarrel among yourselves while you're traveling!"

Exodus 17:7

The place was named Massah [testing] and M'rivah [quarreling] because of the quarreling of the people of Isra'el and because they tested ADONAI by asking, "Is ADONAI with us or not?"

Proverbs 3:30

Don't quarrel with someone for no reason, if he has done you no harm.

Proverbs 17:14

Starting a fight is like letting water through [a dike]- better stop the quarrel before it gets worse.

Proverbs 17:19

Those who love quarreling love giving offense; those who make their gates tall are courting disaster.

Proverbs 22:10

Throw the scoffer out, and quarreling goes too; strife and insults cease.

Isaiah 58:4

Your fasts lead to quarreling and fighting, to lashing out with violent blows. On a day like today, fasting like yours will not make your voice heard on high.

Comment

The quarreling and fighting referred to in this *Mitzvah* #DA26 does not prohibit arguing or debating in a civil manner, or quarreling with someone for good reason, such as if he has done us harm (Proverbs 3:30). Also, the fighting referred to in this *Mitzvah* #DA26 is not primarily of the physical kind, but rather similar to quarreling in that it is through angry and abusive words. Otherwise, the statement of this *Mitzvah* is self-explanatory.

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