

# **DA29. Being Merciful and Not Cruel, Brutal, Heartless, or Ruthless.**

*We are to be merciful and not cruel, brutal, heartless, or ruthless.*

DA29a: *We are to be merciful.*

DA29b: *We are not to be cruel.*

DA29c: *We are not to be brutal.*

DA29d: *We are not to be heartless.*

DA29e: *We are not to be ruthless.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

### Matthew 5:7

*How blessed are those who show mercy! for they will be shown mercy.*

### Matthew 23:23

*Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You pay your tithes of mint, dill and cumin; but you have neglected the weightier matters of the Torah- justice, mercy, trust. These are the things you should have attended to- without neglecting the others!*

### Romans 1:31

*..they are brainless, faithless, heartless and ruthless.*

### Romans 11:30-31

*Just as you yourselves were disobedient to God before but have received mercy now because of Isra'el's disobedience; so also Isra'el has been disobedient now, so that by your showing them the same mercy that God has shown you, they too may now receive God's mercy.*

### James 2:13

*For judgment will be without mercy toward one who doesn't show mercy; but mercy wins out over judgment.*

### Jude 1:22-23

*Rebuke some who are disputing; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and to yet others, show mercy, but with fear, hating even the clothes stained by their vices.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 12:7, 18:33

Luke 6:36, 10:30-37

Romans 12:8, 15

Philippians 2:1-2

Colossians 3:12

1 Peter 3:8

**Related New Testament Mitzvot**

BA38 Knowing the Compassion of Yeshua

AA10 Having Godly Compassion

**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**

Mercy, compassion, 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*