

# **DA31. Not Hating Our Brother.**

*We are not to hate our brother.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

1 John 2:9-11

*Anyone who claims to be in this light while hating his brother is still in the dark. The person who keeps loving his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing in him that could make him trip. But the person who hates his brother is in the dark- yes, he is walking in the dark, and he doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

1 John 3:15

*Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.*

1 John 4:20

*If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if a person does not love his brother, whom he has seen, then he cannot love God, whom he has not seen.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 12:10, 13:9

Hebrews 13:1

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA24 Loving Our Brother and Neighbor

DA33 Not Looking Down on a Brother or Neighbor

DA64 Not Speaking Badly or Critically of Our Brother or Neighbor

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Leviticus 19:17

*Do not hate your brother in your heart, but rebuke your neighbor frankly, so that you won't carry sin because of him.*

Proverbs 10:12

*Hate stirs up disputes, but love covers all kinds of transgressions.*

## **Comment**

Hate is the opposite of love. The totality of Scripture commands us to love everyone and not hate anyone, but this *Mitzvah* #DA31 speaks only of not hating our brother. The reason for this limitation is that the New Covenant Scriptures only speak of not hating our brother.<sup>1</sup>

## **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

N01 Loving Our Neighbor, the Stranger, and Even Our Enemy  
N15 Pursuing Peace with Our Neighbor  
N17 Despising Our Neighbor

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<sup>1</sup> “Brother” here means brother or sister in the faith.