

# **DA55. Guarding Against Scoffers.**

*We are to guard against scoffers.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

2 Peter 3:3

*First, understand this: during the Last Days, scoffers will come, following their own desires*

Jude 1:18

*They told you, "During the acharit-hayamim there will be scoffers following their own godless passions."*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Acts 13:31

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA13 Not Associating with Persons Who Would Deceive Us or Lead Us Astray

DA34 Not Associating with a Divisive Brother

DA67 Not Having Fellowship with Ungodly People

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

2 Chronicles 36:16

*But they ridiculed God's messengers, treating his words with contempt and scoffing at his prophets, until the anger of ADONAI rose up against his people to the extent that there was no longer any remedy.*

Psalms 1:1

*How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit!*

Psalms 14:1

*For the leader. By David: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They deal corruptly, their deeds are vile, not one does what is right.*

Psalms 73:8

*They scoff and speak with malice, they loftily utter threats.*

Proverbs 9:7-8

*He who corrects a scoffer only gets insulted; reproving a wicked man becomes his blemish. If you reprove a scoffer, he will hate you; if you reprove a wise man, he will love you.*

Proverbs 9:12

*If you are wise, your wisdom helps you; but if you scoff, you bear the consequences alone.*

Proverbs 13:1

*A son who heeds his father's discipline is wise, but a scoffer doesn't listen to rebuke.*

Proverbs 14:6

*A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain, but knowledge comes easily to someone with discernment.*

Proverbs 21:24

*"Scoffer" is what you call a proud, insolent person who acts with overweening conceit.*

Proverbs 22:10

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

Isaiah 28:14

*So listen to the word of ADONAI, you scoffers, composing taunts for this people in Yerushalayim:*

Isaiah 28:22

*Therefore, now, stop your scoffing, or your bonds will be further tightened; for I have heard from Adonai ELOHIM-Tzva'ot that destruction is decreed for the whole land.*

Isaiah 29:20

*for the tyrant is now nothing, the scoffer is finished, and all alert to do evil are cut off-*

**Comment**

To scoff is to scorn or mock in a derisive way. The prohibition of this *Mitzvah* #DA55 is scoffing about things of God such as his existence, his character, his triunity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), inspiration of the Scriptures, etc.). Unbelievers are not necessarily mockers. We can have limited fellowship with unbelievers and even admit them to our congregational meetings (so long as they are not disruptive), but we are not to allow or receive mockers.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

None