

# Loving Your Neighbor

*in the context of the scripture*

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“I know that far too many neighbors in our country have been hurt and treated unfairly over the last few years, and I believe in God’s command to ‘love thy neighbor as thyself.’”

**ESV John 12:49-50** For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment- what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

## The Bible –

- > *written by Israelites*
- > *for Israelites*
- > *about Israelites*



*Other nations are only mentioned when they come in contact with Israel.*

**ESV Deuteronomy 4:7-8** For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law (*Hebrew – Torah*) that I set before you today?

**Love = ahavah - אהבה**  
(Strong's 157)

root = **הב** = gift, provide

*Love = to give, to provide*

**ESV Genesis 22:2** (God) said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love (ahava), and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

- a gift from God
- fulfilled Abraham's need for a son
- walked in his father's footsteps

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## ESV Deuteronomy 6:1-3

"Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the rules that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it . . . that your days may be long . . . and that you may multiply greatly . . .



**ESV Deuteronomy 5:9-10** You shall not bow down to them (*idols*) or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>10</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**ESV<sup>1</sup> John 5:2-3** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.



**ESV Leviticus 19:18** You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**NKJ Proverbs 9:8** Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

Leviticus 19:17-18 <sup>17</sup> "You shall not hate your **brother** in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your **neighbor**, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the **sons of your own people**, but you shall love your **neighbor** as yourself: I am the LORD.

**Brother** – ach, **neighbor** (amiyth)

**sons of your people** (bein ami), **neighbor** (rea)

Rea ( **רע** ) from root ra'ah ( **רעה** ) = shepherd



**ESV Mark 12:32-33** . . . "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

**ESV Romans 13:8-10** <sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**ESV Galatians 6:1** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. . . .  
<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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Shalom Aleichem

*Peace be Unto You*