

LOVE IS THE ROYAL LAW (James 2:8)



The 10 Commandments as a whole, may in one case, be referred to as LAW, “royal law”. This verse can be found in **James 2:8** *“If, however, you are fulfilling the **royal law**, according to the Scripture, **“YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,”** you are doing well.”*

The royal law/instruction, is the summary of all the Torah. Is “following not all the commandments” being referred to, or the “Royal Law” being referred to when it says you cannot forget one commandment? **James 2:10-11** *“For **whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one {point,} he has become guilty of all.** For He who said, **“DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,”** also said, **“DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.”** Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”* I believe the royal law spoken of here is the summary of all the laws and commands of Yahveh. **“LOVE”** is being referred to here! If the instructions of Yahveh aren’t followed in love, there is no point in following them at all. The love has to be in ones circumcised heart before it can be manifested through following the Torah.

We must ask ourselves: “who is our neighbor”?? This is a question pondered by many. I believe our neighbor is whoever we are in the presence of. Whether we are at home with friends and relatives, or standing in line at the grocery store. Our neighbor is the person close to us wherever we are at the time. Using this scenario, you can easily understand how important it is to LOVE every human being.

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