

Text from Leviticus

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"You must love your neighbor as [you love] yourself. I am God."

Leviticus 19:18

"Rabbi Akiva says, "This is a great principle in the Torah."

Rashi on Leviticus 19:18

*Rashi is a well-known rabbi who lived in France during the 11th Century. He wrote many interesting comments on the Torah. Rabbi Akiva lived at the turn of the 1st Century.

The Talmud tells a story about a man who went to see Rabbi Hillel and asked him to teach him the entire Torah while he stood on one foot. Rabbi Hillel answered:

"What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah, while the rest is commentary - go and learn it."

Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 31A

* The Talmud is one of the most important books in Jewish law. It was written during the 5th and 6th Centuries. Rabbi Hillel is a well-known rabbi who lived at the turn of the 5th Century.

