

Texts for Scriptural Reasoning

12. Friendship

The Scriptural Reasoning Society

א לאומש חי:א-יא

1 Samuel 18:1-11¹

1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his apparel, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out; whithersoever Saul sent him, he had good success; and Saul set him over the men of war; and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and with three-stringed instruments.

7 And the women sang one to another in their play, and said: Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said: "They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands; and all he lacketh is the kingdom!"

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house; and David played with his hand, as he did day by day; and Saul had his spear in his hand.

א ויהי, ככלתו לדבר אל-שאול, ונפש יהונתן, נקשרה בנפש דוד; ויאהבו (ויאקבהו) יהונתן, כנפשו.

ב ויקחהו שאול, ביום ההוא; ולא נתנו, לשוב בית אביו.

ג ויכרת יהונתן ודוד, ברית, באהבתו אתו, כנפשו.

ד ויתפשט יהונתן, את-המעיל אשר עליו, ויתנהו, לדוד; ומדיו, ועד-חרבו ועד-קשתו ועד-חגרו.

ה ויצא דוד בכל אשר ישלחנוו שאול, ישכיל, וישמהו שאול, על אנשי המלחמה; וייטב, בעיני כל-העם, וגם, בעיני עבדי שאול. {פ}

ו ויהי בבואם, בשוב דוד מהכות את-הפלישתים, ותצאנה הנשים מכל-ערי ישראל לשור (לשיר) והמחלות, לקראת שאול המלך--בתפים בשמחה, ובשלישים.

ז ותענינה הנשים המשחקות, ותאמרן: הפה שאול באלפו, ודוד ברבבתי.

ח ויחר לשאול מאד, וירע בעיניו הדבר הזה, ויאמר נתנו לדוד רבבות, ולי נתנו האלפים; ועוד לו, אך המלוכה.

ט ויהי שאול, עון (עוין) את-דוד, מהיום ההוא, והלאה. {ס}

י ויהי ממחרת, ותצלח רוח אלהים רעה אל-שאול ויתנבא בתוך-הבית, ודוד מנגן בידו, כיום ביום; והחנית, ביד-שאול.

¹ Jewish Publications Society Tanakh (1917 Translation)

11 And Saul cast the spear; for he said: "I will smite David even to the wall." And David stepped aside out of his presence twice.

יא וַיִּטֹּל שָׁאוּל, אֶת-הַחֲנִית, וַיֹּאמֶר, אִכָּה בְּדוֹד וּבַקִּיר; וַיִּסֹּב דָּוִד מִפְּנֵיו, פַּעַמַּיִם.

1 Samuel 20:1-17²

1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan: "What have I done? What is mine iniquity? And what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?"

2 And he said unto him: "Far from it; thou shalt not die; behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he discloseth it unto me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so."

3 And David swore moreover, and said: "Thy father knoweth well that I have found favour in thine eyes; and he saith: "Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved; but truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.""

4 Then said Jonathan unto David: "What doth thy soul desire, that I should do it for thee?"

5 And David said unto Jonathan: "Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, when I should sit with the king to eat; so let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even."

6 If thy father miss me at all, then say: David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus: It is well; thy servant shall have peace; but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him.

א לאומש כ:א-יז

א וַיִּבְרַח דָּוִד, מִנַּיֹּוֹת (מִנְיֹוֹת) בְּרַמָּה; וַיָּבֹא וַיֹּאמֶר לְפָנָיו יְהוֹנָתָן, מָה עָשִׂיתִי מִה-עֲוֹנֵי וּמִה-חַטָּאתַי לְפָנָיו אָבִיךָ--כִּי מִבְּקֶשׁ, אֶת-נַפְשִׁי.

ב וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ חֲלִילָה, לֹא תִמּוֹת--הֲיֵה לֹו-עֵשָׂה (לֹא-יַעֲשֶׂה) אָבִי דָבָר גְּדוֹל אוֹ דָבָר קָטָן, וְלֹא יִגְלֶה אֶת-אָזְנִי; וּמִדּוּעַ יִסְתִּיר אָבִי מִמֶּנִּי אֶת-הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה, אֵין זֹאת.

ג וַיִּשְׁבַּע עוֹד דָּוִד, וַיֹּאמֶר יָדַע יָדַע אָבִיךָ כִּי-מִצָּאתַי חוֹן בְּעֵינֶיךָ, וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-יָדַע-זֹאת יְהוֹנָתָן, פֶּן-יַעֲצֹב; וְאוּלַם, חִי-יְהוֹה וְחִי נַפְשְׁךָ--כִּי כָפַשְׁע, בְּיָנִי וּבִין הַמּוֹת.

ד וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן, אֶל-דָּוִד: מִה-תֹּאמַר נַפְשְׁךָ, וְאַעֲשֶׂה-לְּךָ. {פ}

ה וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל-יְהוֹנָתָן, הִנֵּה-חִדַּשׁ מָחָר, וְאַנְכִי יֹשֵׁב-אֲשֶׁב עִם-הַמֶּלֶךְ, לֶאֱכֹל; וְשִׁלַּחְתָּנִי וְנִסְתַּרְתִּי בַשָּׂדֶה, עַד הָעֶרֶב הַשְּׁלִישִׁית.

ו אִם-פָּקֹד יִפְקֹדֶנִי, אָבִיךָ: וְאַמְרַתְּ, נִשְׁאֵל נִשְׂאֵל מִמֶּנִּי דָוִד לְרוּץ בֵּית-לָחֶם עִירוֹ--כִּי זָבַח הַיָּמִים שָׁם, לְכָל-הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה.

ז אִם-כֹּה יֹאמַר טוֹב, שְׁלוֹם לְעַבְדְּךָ; וְאִם-חָרָה יַחֲרָה, לוֹ--דַּע, כִּי-כָלְתָהּ הַרְעָה מֵעַמוֹ.

² Jewish Publications Society Tanakh (1917 Translation)

8 Therefore deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the Lord with thee; but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?"

9 And Jonathan said: "Far be it from thee; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?"

10 Then said David to Jonathan: "Who shall tell me if perchance thy father answer thee roughly?"

11 And Jonathan said unto David: "Come and let us go out into the field." And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David: "The Lord, the God of Israel – when I have sounded my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send unto thee, and disclose it unto thee?"

13 The Lord do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do thee evil, if I disclose it not unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace; and the Lord be with thee, as He hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not;

15 but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever; no, not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth."

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David: "The Lord even require it at the hand of David's enemies."

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

ח וְעָשִׂיתָ חֶסֶד, עַל-עַבְדְּךָ, כִּי בְּבְרִית יְהוָה, הֵבֵאתָ אֶת-עַבְדְּךָ עִמָּךְ; וְאִם-יֵשׁ-בִּי עֲוֹן הַמִּיתָנִי אֶתָּה, וְעַד-אַבִּיךָ לָמָּה-זֶה תְּבִיאֵנִי. {פ}

ט וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן, חָלִילָה לָּךְ: כִּי אִם-יָדַע אִידַע, כִּי-כָלֵתָה הָרָעָה מֵעַם אָבִי לָבוֹא עָלֶיךָ--וְלֹא אֶתָּה, אֲגִיד לָךְ. {ס}

י וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל-יְהוֹנָתָן, מִי יַגִּיד לִי; אוּ מִה-יַעֲנֶךָ אָבִיךָ, קֶשֶׁה. {ס}

יא וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן אֶל-דָּוִד, לָכֵּה וְנִצָּא הַשָּׂדֶה; וַיִּצָּאוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם, הַשָּׂדֶה. {ס}

יב וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן אֶל-דָּוִד, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי-אַחֲקֹר אֶת-אָבִי כַּעַת מִחֵר הַשְּׁלִשִׁית, וְהִנֵּה-טוֹב, אֶל-דָּוִד--וְלֹא-אַזְאֲשֶׁלְּחַ אֶלֶיךָ, וְגַלִּיתִי אֶת-אֲזָנְךָ.

יג כֹּה-יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה לִיהוֹנָתָן וְכֹה יִסִּיף, כִּי-יִיטֵב אֶל-אָבִי אֶת-הָרָעָה עָלֶיךָ--וְגַלִּיתִי אֶת-אֲזָנְךָ, וְשִׁלַּחְתִּיךָ וְהִלַּכְתָּ לְשָׁלוֹם; וַיְהִי יְהוָה עִמָּךְ, כַּאֲשֶׁר הָיָה עִם-אָבִי.

יד וְלֹא, אִם-עוֹדְנִי חִי; וְלֹא-תַעֲשֶׂה עִמָּדִי חֶסֶד יְהוָה, וְלֹא אֲמוֹת.

טו וְלֹא-תִכְרִית אֶת-חֶסֶדְךָ מֵעַם בֵּיתִי, עַד-עוֹלָם; וְלֹא, בְּהִכָּרַת יְהוָה אֶת-אֲבִי דָוִד, אִישׁ, מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה.

טז וַיִּכְרַת יְהוֹנָתָן, עִם-בֵּית דָּוִד; וּבִקֵּשׁ יְהוָה, מִיַּד אָבִי דָוִד.

יז וַיֹּסֵף יְהוֹנָתָן לְהַשְׁבִּיעַ אֶת-דָּוִד, בְּאַהֲבָתוֹ אֹתוֹ: כִּי-אַהֲבַת נַפְשׁוֹ, אָהָבוּ. {ס}

John 15:9-17³

9 “As the Father loved⁴ Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love⁵.

10 If you keep My commandments⁶, you will abide⁷ in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy⁸ may remain in you, and that your joy may be full⁹.

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down¹⁰ one’s life¹¹ for his friends¹².

14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants¹³, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose¹⁴ Me, but I chose you and appointed¹⁵ you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

Κατα Ιωαννην 15:9-17

9 καθως ηγαπησεν με ο πατηρ καγω υμας ηγαπησα μεινατε εν τη αγαπη τη εμη

10 εαν τας εντολας μου τηρησητε μενειτε εν τη αγαπη μου καθως εγω του πατρος τας εντολας τετηρηκα και μενω αυτου εν τη αγαπη

11 ταυτα λελαληκα υμιν ινα η χαρα η εμη εν υμιν η και η χαρα υμων πληρωθη

12 αυτη εστιν η εντολη η εμη ινα αγαπατε αλληλους καθως ηγαπησα υμας

13 μειζονα ταυτης αγαπην ουδεις εχει ινα τις την ψυχην αυτου θη υπερ των φιλων αυτου

14 υμεις φιλοι μου εστε εαν ποιητε ο εγω εντελλομαι υμιν

15 ουκετι λεγω υμας δουλους οτι ο δουλος ουκ οιδεν τι ποιει αυτου ο κυριος υμας δε ειρηκα φιλους οτι παντα α ηκουσα παρα του πατρος μου εγνωρισα υμιν

16 ουχ υμεις με εξελεξασθε αλλ εγω εξελεξαμην υμας και εθηκα υμας ινα υμεις υπαγητε και καρπον φερητε και ο καρπος υμων μενη ινα ο τι αν αιτησητε τον πατερα εν τω ονοματι μου δω υμιν

17 ταυτα εντελλομαι υμιν ινα αγαπατε αλληλους

³ New King James Version

⁴ *egapesen* 3 sing. aorist *agapao* ‘to treat with affection, love’

⁵ *agapei* fem. dat. sing. *agape* ‘love’

⁶ *entolas* fem. acc. pl. *entole* ‘command, behest, order’

⁷ *menete* 2 pl. fut. *meno* ‘to stay where one is, not to stir’

⁸ *chara* fem. nom. sing. ‘joy, delight’

⁹ *plerothei* 3 sing. aorist pass. *pleroo* ‘to make full’

¹⁰ *thei* 3 sing. aorist *tithemi* ‘to set, put in place’

¹¹ *psuchen* fem. acc. sing. *psuche* ‘breath, spirit’

¹² *philon* gen. pl. *philos* ‘loved, beloved, dear’

¹³ *doulous* acc. pl. *doulos* ‘born bondsman, slave’

¹⁴ *exelexasthe* 2 pl. aorist *eklego* ‘to pick out, single out’

¹⁵ *etheka* 1 sing. aorist *tithemi* ‘to set, put in place’

2 Corinthians 6:14-18¹⁶

14 Do not be yoked together¹⁷ with unbelievers¹⁸. For what do righteousness¹⁹ and wickedness²⁰ have in common? Or what fellowship²¹ can light have with darkness?

15 What harmony²² is there between Christ and Belial²³? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them²⁴, and I will be their God, and they will be my people”.

17 “Therefore come out²⁵ from them and be separate²⁶, says the Lord. “Touch no unclean thing²⁷, and I will receive you.

18 I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Προς Κορινθίους Β 6:14-18

14 μη γινεσθε ετεροζυγουντες απιστοις τις γαρ μετοχη δικαιοσυνη και ανομια η τις κοινωνια φωτι προς σκοτος

15 τις δε συμφωνησις χριστου προς βελιαρ η τις μερις πιστω μετα απιστου

16 τις δε συγκαταθεσις ναω θεου μετα ειδωλων ημεις γαρ ναος θεου εσμεν ζωντος καθως ειπεν ο θεος οτι ενοικησω εν αυτοις και εμπεριπατησω και εσομαι αυτων θεος και αυτοι εσονται μου λαος

17 διο εξελθατε εκ μεσου αυτων και αφορισθητε λεγει κυριος και ακαθαρτου μη απτεσθε καγω εισδεξομαι υμας

18 και εσομαι υμιν εις πατερα και υμεις εσεσθε μοι εις υιους και θυγατερας λεγει κυριος παντοκρατωρ

¹⁶ New International Version

¹⁷ *heterozugontes* pres. part. *heterozugeo* ‘to be yoked in unequal partnership’

¹⁸ *apistois* dat. pl. *apistos* ‘not to be trusted, faithless’

¹⁹ *dikaioisunei* fem. dat. sing. *dikaioisune* ‘righteousness, justice’

²⁰ *anomia* fem. dat. sing. *anomia* ‘lawlessness’

²¹ *koinonia* fem. nom. sing. ‘communion, association, partnership’

²² *sumphonesis* fem. nom. sing. ‘harmony, concord’

²³ *Beliar* in Greek of Westcott-Hort New Testament

²⁴ *enperipateso* 1 sing. fut. *enperipateo* ‘to walk among’

²⁵ *exelthate* 2 pl. imperat. aorist *exerchomai* ‘to go out, come out’

²⁶ *aphoristhete* 2 pl. imperat. *aphorizo* ‘to mark off by boundaries’

²⁷ *akarthatos* gen. sing. *akarthatos* ‘uncleansed, impure’

The Prophets 92^{28 29}

92 Indeed, this community³⁰ of yours is a single community, and I am your Lord, so worship me³¹.

The Table 51^{28 32}

51 O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians³³ for friends³⁴; they are friends to one another, and whomsoever takes them for friends³⁵ from among you, indeed he is of them; indeed, God does not guide³⁶ a wrongdoing³⁷ people³⁸.

The Table 55-57^{28 32}

55 Your only real friend is God and His prophet and those who believe; those who establish³⁹ the prayer and give alms⁴⁰, and they are those who bow down.

سورة الأنبياء ٩٢

إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ ٩٢

سورة المائدة ٥١

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ٥١

سورة المائدة ٥٥-٥٧

إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ ٥٥

²⁸ Translation by Muhammad Yusuf

²⁹ *Quran* 21

³⁰ *ummatukum* nom. sing. + 2 pl. gen. pron. *umma* 'community, nation, brotherhood, religion'

³¹ *'abduni* 2 pl. imperat. + 1 sing. acc. pron. *'abada* 'to worship' root: *'b-d* 'worship, serve'

³² *Quran* 5

³³ *nasara* acc. pl. *nasrani* 'Nazarene, Christian'

³⁴ *awliya'* acc. pl. *waly* 'friend, guardian, protector, tribal patron' root: *w-l-y* 'guardianship, friendship, patronage, commonwealth'

³⁵ *yatawallahum* 3 sing. imperf. + 3 pl. pron. *tawalla* 'to establish friendship, protection' root V: *w-l-y* 'guardianship, friendship, patronage, commonwealth'

³⁶ *yabdi* 3 sing. imperf. *bada* 'to guide' root: *b-d-* 'guidance, direction, saving grace'

³⁷ *dhalimin* acc. pl. act. part. 'those who are doing wrong, injustice' root: *dh-l-m* 'wrongdoing, injustice, oppression'

³⁸ *qawma* acc. sing. *qawm* 'nation, people' root: *q-w-m* 'stand, begin'

³⁹ *yugimuna* 3 pl. imperf. *aqama* 'to establish, set up, begin' root IV: *q-w-m* 'stand, begin'

⁴⁰ *zakata* acc. sing. *zaka* 'alms tax'

56 And whomsoever takes for friend God and His prophet and those who believe; so indeed the party⁴¹ of God are the ones who are triumphant⁴².

57 O you who believe! Take not for friends those who have taken your religion for mockery⁴³ and sport⁴⁴, from among those who were given the Book before you, and the unbelievers; and fear⁴⁵ God if you are believers.

وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ
حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْعَالِيُونَ ٥٦
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الَّذِينَ
اتَّخَذُوا دِينَكُمْ هُزُوءًا وَلَعِبًا مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا
الْكِتَابَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ وَالْكَفَّارَ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَاتَّقُوا
اللَّهَ إِنَّ كُنتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ٥٧

Sahih al-Bukhari 3383

Narrated to us Muslim bin Ibrahim, narrated to us Wahib, narrated to us Ayyub of 'Ikrima of Ibn 'Abbas (God is pleased with them both):

That the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Were I to have taken from among my community⁴⁶ a best friend⁴⁷, I would have taken Abu Bakr, but he is my covenanted brother⁴⁸ and my companion⁴⁹".

صحیح البخاری ٣٣٨٣

حدثنا مسلم بن إبراهيم حدثنا وهيب
حدثنا أيوب عن عكرمة عن ابن عباس
رضي الله عنهما:

عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال لو
كنت متخذاً من أمتي خليلاً لاتخذت أبا
بكر ولكن أخي وصاحبي

⁴¹ *hiḏba* acc. sing. *hiḏb* 'party, group, faction'

⁴² *ghalibun* nom. pl. act. part. 'those who are victorious, triumphant, overcoming' root: *gh-l-b* 'overcome, victory, triumph'

⁴³ *huḏyan* acc. sing. *huḏw* 'mockery, scorn' root: *h-ḏ-w* 'mockery, jest'

⁴⁴ *la'iban* acc. sing. *la'ib* 'play, game' root: *l-'b* 'play'

⁴⁵ *'attaqu* 2 pl. imperat. *ittaq* 'to fear, be pious' root VIII: *t-q-w* 'piety, God-fearing'

⁴⁶ *ummati* nom. sing. + 1 sing. gen. pron. *umma* 'community, nation, brotherhood, religion'

⁴⁷ *khalilan* acc. sing. *khalil* 'best mate, confidante, brother by covenant under tribal law, comrade' root: *kh-l-l* 'affection, intimate, gap, flaw'

⁴⁸ *akhi* nom. sing. + 1 sing. gen. pron. *akh* 'brother, brother german, brother by covenant under *shari'a*'

⁴⁹ *sabibi* nom. sing. + sing. gen. pron. *sahib* 'companion, friend' root: *s-b-b* 'association, companionship'

Abu Hamid al-Ghazali
'Book of the Manners of
Affection, Brotherhood,
Companionship and
Friendship by Grades of
Character' *Revivification of*
***the Religious Sciences* 2:5⁵⁰**

Know that the covenant of brotherhood binding two persons is like the covenant of marriage between two spouses. And just as marriage necessitates duties which must be fulfilled in embarking upon the right of marriage, as aforementioned in the Book of the Manners of Marriage; likewise stands the covenant of brotherhood. So for your brother is a right over you in material wealth, and the soul, and in the tongue and the heart, through forgiving tolerance, and prayer, and in sincerity and loyalty, and gentleness, and abandonment of the artificial and of stubborn obstructiveness; and this comprises eight duties:

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "The likeness of two brothers is the likeness of two hands, one of which washes the other". He particularly applied the simile to them both of a pair of hands, not of hand and foot, because the two cooperate together toward a single goal; so likewise for covenanted brothers; they only perfect their brotherhood if they are shared companions in a single endeavour, understood as like being a single person; and this necessitates sharing in gladness and disaster, and mutual sharing of material wealth and personal circumstances, and the lifting of selfishness and self-serving exploitation.

أبو حميد الغزالي "كتاب آداب
الألفة والأخوة والصحبة والمعاشرة
مع أصناف الخلق " إحياء علوم
الدين ٢: ٥

أعلم أن عقد الأخوة رابطة بين
الشخصين كعقد النكاح بين الزوجين
وكما يقتضى النكاح حقوقا يجب الوفاء
بها قياما بحق النكاح كما سبق ذكره في
كتاب آداب النكاح فكذا عقد الأخوة.
فلأخيك عليك حق في المال والنفس وفي
اللسان والقلب بالعفو والدعاء
وبالاحلاص والوفاء وبالتخفيف وترك
التكلف والتكليف وذلك يجمعه ثمانية
حقوق:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم
«مثل الأخوين مثل اليدين تغسل إحداهما
الأخرى» فإنما شبههما باليدين لا باليد
والرجل لأنهما يتعاونان على غرض واحد
فكذا الإخوان إنما تتم أخوتهما إذا ترافقا
في مقصد واحد فهما من وجه
كالشخص الواحد وهذا يقتضى المساهمة
في السراء والضراء والمشاركة في المال
والحال وارتفاع الاختصاص والاستثمار.

⁵⁰ Translation by Muhammad Yusuf