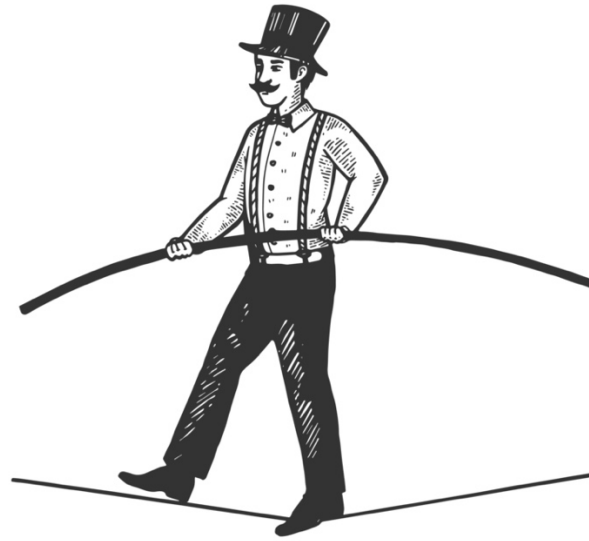


# *Waging War in the 99% World*

2 Corinthians 10-13

## **Paul's Balancing Act**





Lion

Lamb

Boldness

Humility

Authority

Service

"Boasting" (18x)

"Weakness" (6x)

## Proverbs 30:32

If you have been foolish in exalting yourself or if you have plotted evil, put your hand on your mouth.

**“I have been a fool!  
You have forced me to it...”**  
(12:11)

**Paul forced to defend his...**

- **Authority** (10:8)
- **Calling** (10:13-18)
- **Sufferings** (11:21b-33)
- **Visions** (12:1-7)
- **Apostleship** (12:12)
- **Love** (12:14-18)

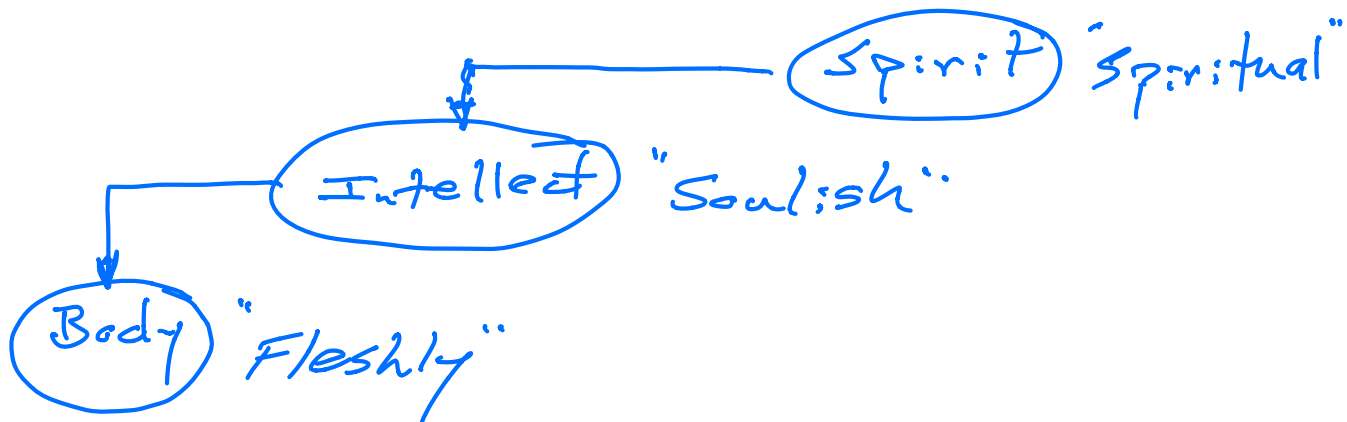
**Look at what is before your eyes!**

(10:3-5) 7

## **The Strongholds of the Mind**

(10:3-5)

- a) **Arguments**
- b) Lofty **opinions** (vs. **knowledge** of God)
- c) **Thoughts**



## **2 Corinthians 10:12**

But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

## 2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your **thoughts** will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Messiah.

**If we would follow Messiah closely,  
we must love Him dearly.**

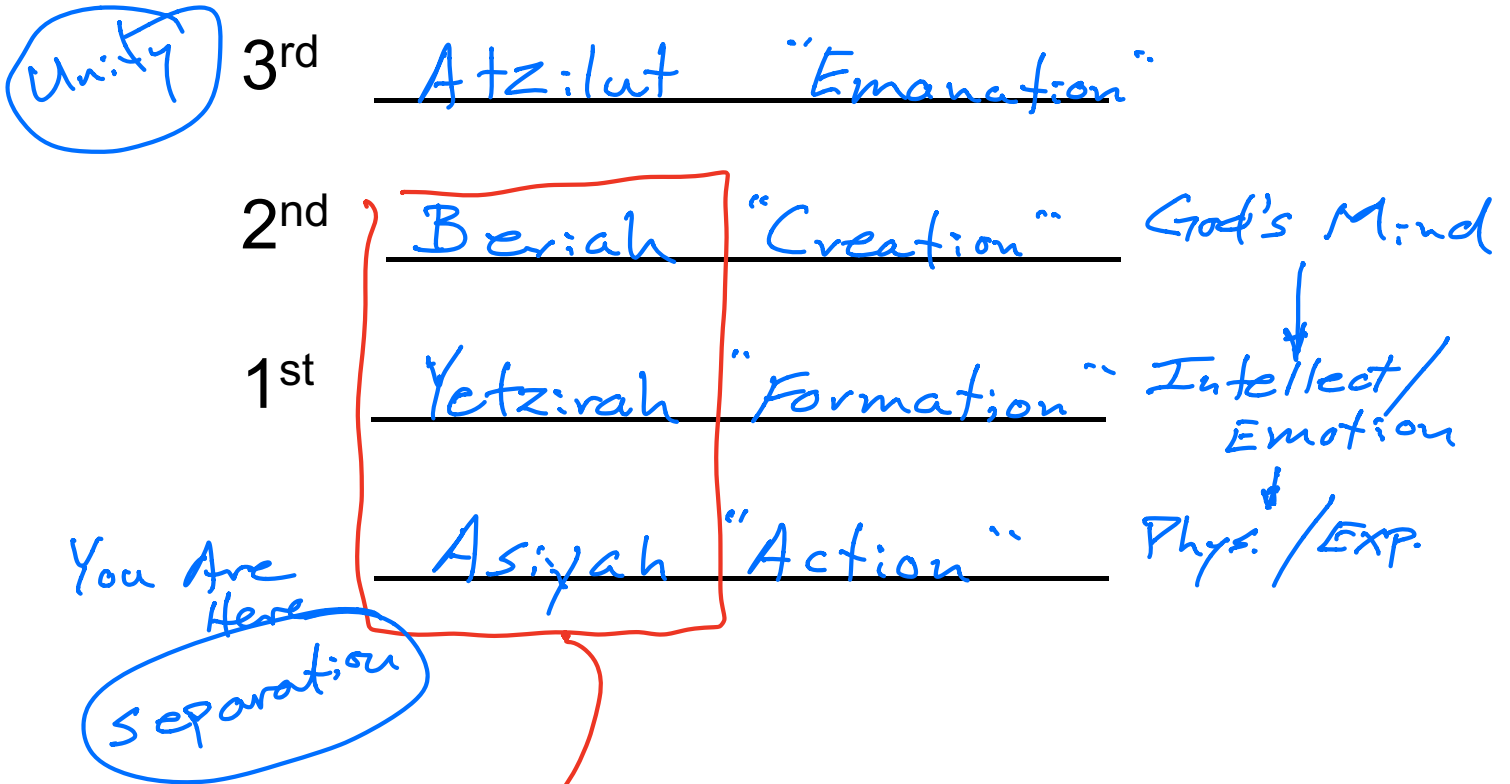
## The Serpent's Substitutes

(11:4)

- a) Another **Yeshua**
- b) A different **spirit**
- c) A different **gospel**

# The Four Worlds

(12:1-6)



## Isaiah 43:7

Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have **created** for My glory, whom I have **formed**, even whom I have **made**.

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## Discussion Questions:

- When were you a lion when you should have been a lamb? When were you a lamb when you should have been a lion?
- Describe an incident where believing a lie brought you into bondage. Or, describe an incident where learning the truth brought freedom.
- What was Paul's "thorn"? What was its purpose?
- In 11:13-15 Paul describes Satan's "servants". How can we recognize them?
- In 13:5, Paul says to examine yourselves and test yourselves "to see whether you are in the faith." How do we do that?

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## NOTES:

**Proverbs 12:23** A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.

**Proverbs 18:2** A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind.

**Proverbs 26:12** Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

**James 4:16** As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

**Romans 2:23** You who boast in the Torah, through your breaking the Torah, do you dishonor God?

**Romans 5:11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Master Yeshua the Messiah, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

**Matthew 11:16-19** “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other *children*, and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon!’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

**John 8:31-32** Yeshua therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

**Deuteronomy 19:15** A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

**Ephesians 4:10** He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

**Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**Isaiah 55:8-11** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways,” declares Adonai. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth. It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”