

Walking in the 1% World

2 Corinthians 6-7

Ephesians 2:5-6

...even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Messiah (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, **and seated us with Him in the heavenly places**, in Messiah Yeshua...

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Master, entreat you to **walk** in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

It is important to understand that all reality is relative to the observer. What I perceive as real defines my world, and this depends, in turn, on my spiritual level.

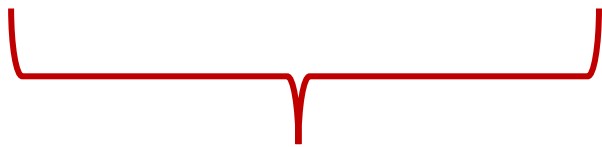
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Four Levels of Faith:

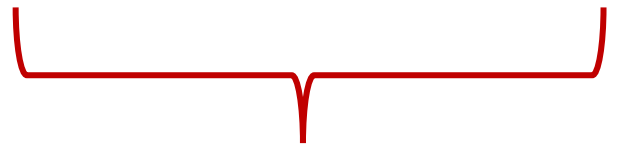
- a) **Nature Dominates**
- b) **Nature is a Tool**
- c) **God Acts Alone**
- d) **The Happy Few**

The 1% World

The 99% World



The things that
HAPPEN



The things that
ARE

Belial

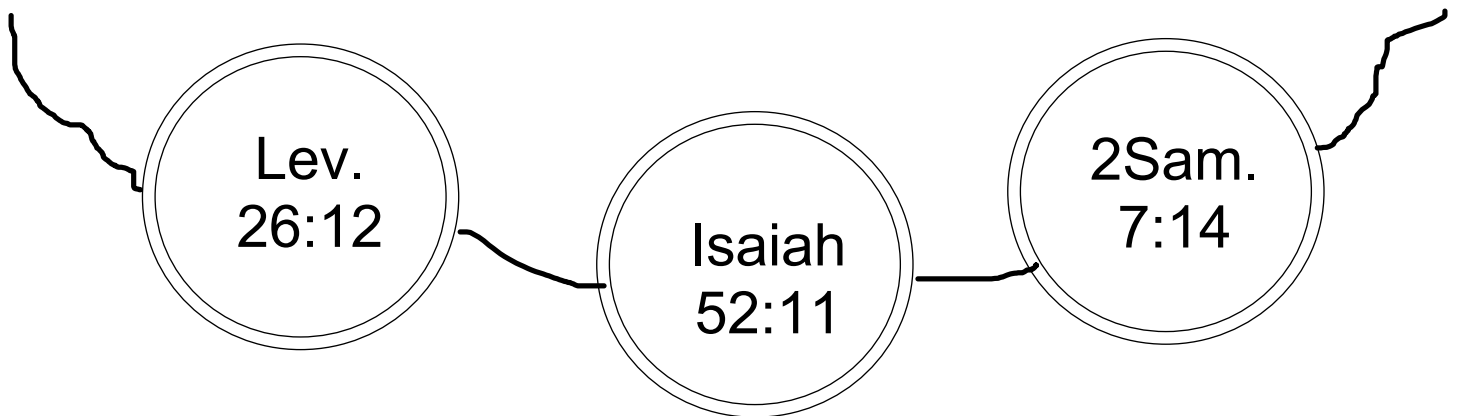
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"yoke" *"without"*

Deuteronomy 13:13

Some **worthless men** [lit. "sons of Belial"] have gone out from among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" (whom you have not known).

Stringing Pearls





2 Corinthians 7:1 (or 6:19)

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Three Ministry No-Nos:

- 1. Wronging**
 - 2. Corrupting**
 - 3. Taking Advantage**
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Two Roads to Repentance:

- Godly grief/sorrow**
- The kindness of God**

Discussion Questions:

- How does living in the 99% world help you to walk in the 1% world?
 - Discuss the previous question in light of Acts 17:28.
 - Paul told the Corinthians, “You are restricted by your own affections.” (6:12) What does this mean? How does it apply to you?
 - Is it possible to be “without a yoke” in one area of your life and not in another?
 - Take time to silently meditate on the message of the “string of pearls” Paul created. (6:16b-18) Take your time with this!
 - Then discuss your insights and the appropriate response in 7:1.
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NOTES:

Colossians 3:1-3 If then you have been raised up with Messiah, keep seeking the things above, where Messiah is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Messiah in God.

Isaiah 49:8-13 Thus says Adonai, "In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You. And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages, saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' Along the roads they will feed, and their pasture will be on all bare heights. They will not hunger or thirst, neither will the scorching heat or sun strike them down, for He who has compassion on them will lead them and will guide them to springs of water. And I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways will be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and lo, these will come from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim." Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For Adonai has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Isaiah 40:3-4 A voice is calling, "Clear the way for Adonai in the wilderness. Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low. And let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley.

Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'

Exodus 29:45 "And I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God."

Leviticus 26:12 "I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people."

Isaiah 52:11 "Depart, depart, go out from there. Touch nothing unclean. Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of Adonai."

2 Samuel 7:14 "I will be a Father to him and he will be a son to Me. when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men."

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Hebrews 4:1-2, 7-11 Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed we have had good news proclaimed to us, just as they also, but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard... ⁷ He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS." For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. ⁹ There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his own works, as God did from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.