

“The Parable of the Potter and the Clay”

(Sunday Morning January 7th, 2018)

Passage: Jeremiah 18:1-4

Fact # 1 = Our God Has S _____ C _____ Over Our Lives

1 Sam 2:7-8 “7 The LORD makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts. 8 ‘He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of honor;”

Fact # 2 = Our God Gives Us S _____ C _____ in Life

Dan 4:30 “...Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?”

Dan 5:21 “... I (Nebuchadnezzar) recognized that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes”

I. The Potter’s P _____ in the M _____ of the Clay

Isa 64:8 “But now, O LORD, You are our Father, we are the clay, and you our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand”

The wheel of life is spinning us around and around and around; and while this is happening, God is using all of these c _____ in life to shape us and to mold us into people that He can use for His glory.

Eph 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them”

The word that is translated at “workmanship” in *Ephesians 2:10* is the Greek word “*poiema*” from which we get the word “p_____.”

Eph 2:4-7 (Turn and Read)

Isa 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts”

II. The Potter’s P _____ With the M _____ of the Clay

a. Clay Can Become Marred Because of H _____ C _____

Ps 19:12 “Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults” (NKJV)

2 Tim 2:20-21 “20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work”

b. Clay Can Become Marred Because of H _____ C _____

Rom 9:20-21 “20 ...who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, ‘Why did you make me like this,’ will it? 21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, ...”

The irony is that people have a tendency to blame the P _____ or the w _____ when they fail to achieve things that are actually outside of God’s will.

III. The Potter's P_____ for the M_____ of the Clay

Some have even called this "a blessed verb tense," because it literally means that the Potter "k_____ on r_____ it into another vessel."

Judges 16:30 (Reference)

2 Kings 21:3-7 (Reference)

2 Chron 33:12-13 "When he was in distress, he entreated the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God"

King Manasseh humbled himself, and God not only forgave him, God r_____ him; God made him the King of Judah again.

Jer 19:1-2 "1 Thus says the Lord, "Go and buy a potter's earthenware jar, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the senior priests. 2 "Then go out to the valley of Ben-hinnom, which is by the entrance of the potsherd gate, and proclaim there the words that I tell you"

Jer 19:10-11 "10 Then you are to break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you 11 and say to them, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Just so will I break this people and this city, even as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot again be repaired;..."

Jer 19:15 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am about to bring on this city and all its towns the entire calamity that I have declared against it, because they have stiffened their necks so as not to heed My words.'"

Question = Why Did God Destroy the Nation of Judah?

Answer = _____

Matt 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.