

Are You Good Clay in the Hands of The Master?

Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 18:1-6

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Jeremiah 18:1-6 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he worked a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? says the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah means: The Lord Exalts

- **a fairly common name in Israel**
- **more clearly portrayed than any other prophet**
- **Only he expresses and shows his personal feelings as he proclaims God's message.**
- **His expressions of sorrow are classic. Jeremiah 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!**

- **He was young probably in his 20's in the beginning of His call to the ministry Jeremiah 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.**
- **God does not make mistakes in choosing His Servants**
 - **Jeremiah 1:7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for you shall go to all that I shall send you, and whatsoever I command you you shall speak.**
- **God uses examples that are easy to understand:**

The potters house

[clay]

Good Seed

[the Word of God]

Fishermen

[Fishers of Men]

1. God is Sovereign in His use of us as servants:

1. Jeremiah 18:6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? says the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Comparisons between Jeremiah and Jesus Christ:

- a message for Israel and the World
- from a high tradition:
 - Jeremiah from priest – prophet background

- Jesus from divine – kingly background
- Both were conscious of their calling from God
- Both condemned the commercialism of temple worship
- **More Comparisons Jeremiah and Jesus**
- Both accused of political treason
- Both tried, persecuted, and imprisoned
- Both wept over Jerusalem [Jeremiah 9:1 and Luke 19:41]
- Both rejected by their kin [Jeremiah 12:6 and John 1:11]
- Both were tenderhearted
- Both knew loneliness [Jer 15:10 and Isa 53:3]
- Enjoyed unusual fellowship with God [Jer 20:7 John 11:41]
 - **Are you moldable and useful as clay?**
 - **Are you able to easily receive instructions**
 - **Are you flexible in what you do?**
 - **Can you take changes in your life**

- **Can you follow directions of God and be his spokesman or teacher?**
 - **Can you be Bold in your talking yet**
 - **tender and**
 - **loving**
 - **Can you give the Word of God without compromise in a kind way?**
- **Can you be patient in your dealings with a new believer?**

Remember:

- We all started out young in the faith and
- needed much love and patience

You are dealing with the Sheppard's Sheep

...We do not own the sheep!

- **Allow your people in your [G-12 Cell] Group to:**
 - Express themselves
 - Learn the Word of God

- Show by example!
- Help them with their Devotions
- Help them pray
- Show them how to conduct a meeting
- **Be a friend first**
- Invite your friends, co-worker, neighbors to know Jesus!
- Be patient with people!
- **Invitation :**
- Come Forward Now
- to Have the Heart of Jeremiah
for the People of the Philippines!