

Clay in the Potter's Hands  
(Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 64:8; 45:9; Rom. 9:20; Isaiah 29: 16)

The Lord said to Jeremiah, "Go down at once to the potter's house; there I will reveal My words to you". So I went down to the potter's house and there he was, working away at the wheel. But the jar that he was making from the clay became flawed in the potter's hands, so he made it into another jar, **as it seemed right for him to do.** ...Can I not treat you as this potter treats his clay? "Just like **clay in the potter's hands, so are you in My hand,** house of Israel" (Jeremiah 18:1-4).

We are just clay or broken jars in the hands of the Lord, and as the clay is silent in the hands of the potter, so we must be in His hands, as He conforms us to His will. Isaiah says, Woe to the one who argues with his Maker- one clay pot among many. Does clay say to the one forming it: What are you making? (Isaiah 45:9) The realization of how we were created is an important step to take, for us to understand that we are nothing outside the hands of the Creator - Potter. The human heart often rebels against his Maker, and disregards Him as the Creator, doubting even His existence. But that attitude does not change even one letter of the reality of Who YAHWEH is, and what man is: "one -clay pot among many", with no right to argue with his Maker, as Paul said, But who are you who talk back to God? Will what is formed say to the One Who formed it, "Why did you make me like this", or has the potter no right over His clay, to make from the same lump one piece of pottery for honor and another for dishonor? (Rom. 9:20). In the Garden of Eden, where all had its beginning, Adam just didn't appear out of nothing; he was not self- created or existed before he was created from dirt and given a soul and a spirit, which was life breathed in him by His Creator. Often we don't like the way we look and try to cover the way we are by painting the eyes, lips, face and hair; we straighten our curly hair and curl our straight hair; we are too short, or too tall; we are either too dark or too light or faded, so to the suntan bed we go to cook our insides, as we try to darken our skin, and conform ourselves to the standards of the world and its demands. But behind all that hides a person, who fails to understand that the reason for his/her creation was for the purpose to bring glory to the Creator and not to self, the clay. How many times must we look at self on the mirror? Mirrors everywhere we go stand inviting us to take a glimpse of self as often as we desire. How important is it to YAHWEH that we must look perfectly fit in the eyes of the world? Not very important, I believe. He is looking inside the soul, not outside the frame of the body. Nevertheless, He created the body in the sovereignty of His will as He wished, to bring glory to Him, one way or the other. When the Lord sent Jeremiah to the Potter's house, He was calling the attention of the nation of Israel to the purpose of His will to mold and remake them as the potter was doing to the clay, and that is also for us today who love the Lord, as we read in Romans 8: 29, For those He foreknew He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers. To be conformed is to be in harmony, in agreement, to become similar to the image of YAHWEH'S Son. Spiritually, YAHWEH is shaping us through the work of His HOLY SPIRIT and it is seen in our physical through trials and hardships. The HOLY SPIRIT is the wheel that turns us round and round until we are shaped or conformed to the likeness of His Son through sanctification. We must know that we have no right of complaining as we go through the conforming and transforming of our soul, as Paul

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We are just clay, it is right; and if we want to grow perfectly beautiful we must stay in the potter’s hands as His touch penetrates deeply into the soul, transforming us into beautiful vases to hold bouquet of flowers – the inner beauty from which flows the fragrance of YAHWEH’S love to all, for the inner beauty speaks louder. Should we, His children, not rejoice in the breaking of our stubbornness and in the remaking and renewal of our soul by our heavenly Father? Shouldn’t it be a privilege to be chosen for such purpose? Yes, let’s rejoice in the fact that YAHWEH’S love compels Him to work and establish us in the position of sanctified. A wretched vase in the hands of the Potter must go through trials and tribulations as it is being broken and remade whole and beautiful to bring glory to the Potter at the end of the road. Next time we experience storms with winds of a tsunami, let’s not kick and scream, but let’s remember that “All things work together” for the purpose of YAHWEH to be accomplished in the lives of those who love him; of those whom He has called. If you are suffering beyond your strength and are not sure that you are chosen and called, then take the road of repentance and accept Him as your Savior and surrender your life to His control, and you will understand YAHWEH’S love, which embraces you with correction in holiness so that you will be holy as He is holy. And you will be called “Holy unto the Lord” in His hands – the Potter’s hands.

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