

Clay For The Potter **Jeremiah 18:1-6**

God pleads with His people to repent or calamity would strike, instead of leading to return Israel rebelled, turning against Jeremiah & God

The illustration of the potter and the clay is powerful

Clay dug from earth & worked until pliable to turn & shape on wheel

Much work in making beautiful jar, digging clay, working & molding

God is the Potter, We are the Clay

He is all powerful, Creator, Sustainer, In short, He calls the shots! - **Isaiah 45:9-10; 64:8**

Man is pliable - As we mature, we change both outwardly and inwardly, We are affected by what influence we allow to form us - **Romans 12:1-2; 6:16**

Placing ourselves squarely in His hands, we are assured of being molded according to His purpose - **Ecclesiastes 12:1**

Old cliché about old dogs new tricks sometimes true!

The Potter has a Pattern

God's pattern for us is His Son - **Romans 8:29-30; Colossians 3:10; 1Peter 2:21-24**

We strive to be like Him, noting how He thought, acted, re-acted and lived His life

Everything that God allows to happen to us has an influence as to how we will be shaped, whether good or bad

It's all leading to the time when our transformation will be complete - **Philippians 3:20-21; 1John 3:1-3**

The Potter's Patience

When vessel wouldn't shape right, potter doesn't throw away, starts over

His patience extends to all with a real desire to let Him work - **2Peter 3:9**

Who better to know than Peter?

proclaimed devotion ... yet denied a few hours later - **Luke 22:31-33, 61-62**

Yet Jesus still has use for him after the resurrection - **Mark 16:6-7**

Divine Potter does outstanding work with faulty clay!

The Potters Product

What type jar we depend on how we respond to the potter's touch

Some defy His workmanship - Refuse to repent & obey, blame God - **Romans 9:19-24**

Is God's right to do as He wishes, but He doesn't make some men bad and then fault them for it

Each responsible for decisions made, but God's will that all be saved - **Ephesians 2:10; 2Timothy 2:19-22**

Only by yielding to Him and letting Him have His way with us can we be the vessels of honor that He intends

He will bless those who obey or punish those who rebel

God Is Our Maker

Potter is all powerful, Yet desires clay choose right outcome of work

God doesn't force Himself upon us, we must choose Him

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