

Message Notes for March 26, 2023

Message Title: Molded by the Potter

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” Jeremiah 18:1-2 NIV

So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. Jeremiah 18:3 NRSV

But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over. Jeremiah 18:4 NLT

Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, “Who sees us? Who will know?”

You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, “You did not make me”?

Can the pot say to the potter, “You know nothing”? Isaiah 29:15-16 NIV

Does a clay pot dare argue with its maker, a pot that is like all the others?

Does the clay ask the potter what he is doing?

Does the pot complain that its maker has no skill?

Do we dare say to our parents, “Why did you make me like this?”

The Lord, the holy God of Israel, the one who shapes the future, says:

“You have no right to question me about my children

or to tell me what I ought to do!

Isaiah 45:9-11 TEV

Who in the world do you think you are to second-guess God? Do you for one moment suppose any of us knows enough to call God into question? Clay doesn't talk back to the fingers that mold it, saying, "Why did you shape me like this?" Isn't it obvious that a potter has a perfect right to shape one lump of clay into a vase for holding flowers and another into a pot for cooking beans?

Romans 9:20-21 MES

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter;
and we all are the work of thy hand.

Isaiah 64:8 KJV

Relevant Question: Am I hard clay?

O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 18:6 ESV