

∞ The Seed of God's Word ∞

Unit C2 - Lesson 7: The Potter and the Clay

Lesson Prayer

Everlasting God, you are the Potter and we are the clay. We give you thanks for molding us and shaping us to fulfill your mission in this sinful world. Use us as your vessels of mercy towards others. Thank you for the love and compassion you pour out upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11, 18-20

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."

³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: "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. ⁷If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. ⁹And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.

¹¹"Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the LORD, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.'" ...

¹⁸Then they said, "Come, let us make plots against Jeremiah, for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor

the word from the prophet. Come, let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not pay attention to any of his words."

So Jeremiah prayed:

¹⁹"Hear me, O LORD, and listen to the voice of my adversaries.

²⁰Should good be repaid with evil? Yet they have dug a pit for my life. Remember how I stood before you to speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them."

Second Lesson: Romans 9:14-24

¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

¹⁹You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" ²⁰But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

²²What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory — ²⁴even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?



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