

The Sovereign Rights of the Potter III



Ro 9:19-24 “You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” 20 But 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?” 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honored use and another for dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— 24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?”

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Isa 29:16 “You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its
maker, “He did not make me”; or the
thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

Jer 18:2-4 "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."
3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. 4 And 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.**"

Jer 18:6 "O house of Israel, **can I not do with you as this potter does?**" declares the Lord.
"Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."

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2 Peter 3:8-9 “But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

Prov 16:4 “The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.”

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V25-26 “As indeed he says in Hosea,
“Those who were not my people I will
call ‘my people,’ and her who was not
beloved I will call ‘beloved.’ ” 26 “And in
the very place where it was said to them,
‘You are not my people,’ there they will
be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

V27-29 “And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, 28 for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” 29 And as Isaiah predicted, “If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.”

4 Pastoral Takeaways

1. Understanding
2. Feeling
3. Praying
4. Living