

Transformed

Text: Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NCV)

18 This is the word the Lord spoke to Jeremiah: **2** “Go down to the potter’s house, and I will give you my message there.” **3** So I went down to the potter’s house and saw him working at the potter’s wheel. **4** He was using his hands to make a pot from clay, but something went wrong with it. So he used that clay to make another pot the way he wanted it to be.

5 Then the Lord spoke his word to me: **6** “Family of Israel, can’t I do the same thing with you?” says the Lord. “You are in my hands like the clay in the potter’s hands.

The Everyday Bible: New Century Version (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2005), Je 18:1–6.

The Book of Jeremiah reflects the ever-worsening situation Jeremiah encountered. At various times, he had the difficult tasks of challenging the religious hypocrisy, economic dishonesty and oppressive practices of Judah’s leaders and those who followed them.

While he has often been called the “weeping prophet” because he mourned the sins of his people and grieved his own lack of success in turning them back to Yahweh, Jeremiah never flinched in his confidence that God, who placed him where he was, would vindicate the truth of his message.

- When we look into our text we see that Israel was in a sinful position.
- Sin ruled throughout the land, people were disobedient to God and were not willing to listen to the plans that God had for them.

The Israelites needed a transformation/change from the inside out. God tells Jeremiah that he has a message and send him to workshop.

What Is Transformation?

Transformation implies a major change in form, nature, or function, converted

Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary. (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003).

- **Jeremiah saw the Potter working with clay. - Jer. 18:1-3**

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Quote: Watch to see where God is working and join Him in His work. - Henry Blackaby

Jesus kept his eyes on what the Father was doing. Jn. 5:16-20 (NIV)

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

The New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Jn 5:16–20.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Tyndale House Publishers, *Holy Bible: New Living Translation* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Eph 5:15–17.

Question: Where do you see God working and what do you see him doing?

- **The potter transformed the clay using a wheel and his hands. Jer. 1:3-4 NCV**

³ So I went down to the potter’s house and saw him working at the **potter’s wheel**. ⁴ He was using **his hands** to make a pot from clay, but something went wrong with it.

- **The potter transformed the clay by correcting the what was wrong. Jer 1:4**

4. He was using his hands to make a pot from clay, but something went wrong with it.

So he used that clay to make another pot the way he wanted it to be.

Question: Are you willing to let God transform your life like the potter does with the clay? Jer 1:5-6 (NCV)

⁵ Then the Lord spoke his word to me: ⁶ “Family of Israel, can’t I do the same thing with you?” says the Lord. “You are in my hands like the clay in the potter’s hands.

Quote:

“We don’t choose what we will do for God; He invites us to join Him where He wants to involve us.”

— Henry T. Blackaby, Experiencing God

God is preparing you for the future blessing.

Isaiah 29:15-19 (NLT)

¹⁵ What sorrow awaits those who try to hide their plans from the Lord,
 who do their evil deeds in the dark!

“The Lord can’t see us,” they say.

 “He doesn’t know what’s going on!”

¹⁶ How foolish can you be?

 He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay!

Should the created thing say of the one who made it,

 “He didn’t make me”?

Does a jar ever say,

 “The potter who made me is stupid”?

¹⁷ Soon—and it will not be very long—

 the forests of Lebanon will become a fertile field,
 and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops.

¹⁸ In that day the deaf will hear words read from a book,
 and the blind will see through the gloom and darkness.

¹⁹ The humble will be filled with fresh joy from the Lord.

 The poor will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Tyndale House Publishers, [*Holy Bible: New Living Translation*](#) (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Is 29:15–19.