America's Hope

At The Potter's

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He Is The Potter And We Are The Clay

• Isaiah 64:8 (NIV) Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

- 1. The Potter Is the Maker of the Clay
- 2. The Potter Has the Right to Shape the Clay
- 3. The Potter Desires to Make the Clay into a Beautiful and Useful Vessel
- 4. The Potter Alone Has the Power to Shape the Clay
- 5. The Potter Waits on the Clay to be Flexible & Pliable.

- Jeremiah the weeping prophet had to convey an important message to God's people.
- They had fallen away from God, broken their covenant with him, and persisted in their rebellion.
- The sins in the people showed up and surfaced to become the sins of a nation.

Jeremiah 18:1–6 (NIV) – 1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me. 6 He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

Jeremiah 18:7-12 (NIV) 7 If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, 8 and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. 9 And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, 10 and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. 11 "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.' 12 But they will reply, 'It's no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will all follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts."

- The parable paints God as the one who is the Potter.
 He takes a clay and shapes it into what he wants it to be.
- Just as the potter has power over the clay on his pottery wheel, In the same way God has sovereign authority over the nations
- He can shape, mold & lift them up, or pull them down as He chooses.

Unsuitable Vessels Must Be Purified & Remade

 The Potter Decides Whether To Reform, Reshape, Or Repurpose Any Vessel That Is Marred In His Hands

- We Are Like Clay In The Potter's Hands -- The Potter Decides What Should Be Done With His Vessels:
 - He Can Build Up And Bless
 - He Can Tear Down And Destroy
- When We Yield Our Lives To The Potter -- He Can Make Us Into Useful Vessels For His Kingdom

• A Person Or Nation, Who Repents We'll Find That God Will Relent

He Will Turn Them Back To The Potters Purpose

• If A Person Or Nation Is Blessed But Turns Away Their Planned Blessing Will Be Reconsidered. And Lost.

- Today we stand on the brink of decision.
- We must heed God's warning

 Although this warning was written to the people of Israel should they turn a national deaf ear to God, the principle still applies today. Those nations that heed God's call are blessed; those that deny and turn from God are led by their own sin into God's judgment—and to destruction.

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The Lord Says To Israel -- Through Jeremiah:

Because You Have Turned Away -- Disaster Is Waiting.

Your Only Hope Is: To Turn From Evil and Reform Your Ways

• Some respond: "It's no use, we will continue doing what we're doing and follow the evil of our heart."

The Reasons They Are Found Unusable:

- 1. They Have Forgotten God
- 2. They Have Served Worthless Idols
- 3. They Have Stumbled Off Their Path

Rather Than Honoring God - They Have Forgotten Him

Parallels Between - Israel (Of Jeremiah's Day) And America

- 1. We Too Have Forgotten God
- 2.We Too Have Gone After Worthless Idols
- 3.We Too As A Nation Have Stumbled Off The Path

- Is There Hope? What Is Our Hope?
- The Work Is Still In Progress
- God Gives His People Israel A Choice He Give Us In America Today A Similar Choice
- **Deuteronomy 30:15-19 (NIV)** 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess

- America can make the right choice: if we discontinue our journey down the ungodly path to destruction, and onlye if we respond to God's call for repentance.
- America's greatest hope is for genuine revival of righteousness and a renewed biblical commitment to God
- If we will respond to the heart & call of the potter -- He can & will restore our nation even at this late hour.
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Action Steps

- 1. Examine Your Spiritual Condition
- 2. Ask God For A Cleansing
- 3. Change All Areas Of Life That Are Displeasing To God
- 4. Ask God For The Fullness Of The Holy Spirit
- 5. In Fasting & Prayer Seek His Face

6. Get Back To The Cross Of Christ

7. To Get Us Through What Ever The Enemy Hurls At Us

8. At The Cross Is Salvation

Get Back To The Cross Of Christ



- Let's Get Back To The Cross
- Back To Faith
- Back To Jesus!!