

## The Scene Presented

### The Potter's Motive

**Jeremiah 18:3** Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. **4** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make [it].

**Romans 9:21** Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

**2 Timothy 2:20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. **21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.

**2 Corinthians 4:7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

**1 Corinthians 3:13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

### The Potter's Material

**Jeremiah 18:4** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make [it].

### The Potter's Manipulation

**Jeremiah 18:6** O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. **Behold, as the clay [is] in the potter's hand, so [are] ye in mine hand,** O house of Israel.

## The Statement Pronounced

### The Woeful Statement

**Jeremiah 18:11** ¶ Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

### The Wayward Souls

**Jeremiah 18:14** Will [a man] leave the snow of Lebanon [which cometh] from the rock of the field? [or] shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

### The Worsening Situation

**Jeremiah 18:17** I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

## The Scriptural Purpose

### In God's Hands

**Jeremiah 18:6** O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. **Behold, as the clay [is] in the potter's hand, so [are] ye in mine hand,** O house of Israel.

## The Gracious Heads-up

**Matthew 11:20** Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: **21** Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. **22** But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. **23** And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. **24** But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

## A Glorious Hope

**Jeremiah 18:12** And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.