

Jeremiah 18:1-10 - Make Me and Mold Me

Welcome back and here we go! Lately, we have been talking about Joseph and the trials of his life. We talked about the fact that even though things got bad, he was still in God's will and plan.

"When Things Get Worse"

Then we discussed that in fact, Joseph was sent to those places to accomplish God's will for his life and others'. If we know we belong to God, we know we are exactly where we are supposed to be!
"Send Me"

I want to be where God wants me, even if it involves suffering.

Genesis 47:11 And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

1) God wants to _____ us in _____.

The question is, are you open to His plan with all its trials?

Life is a process it seems to me --- of tearing down and rebuilding. I love the rebuilding, but don't really care for the tearing down! God has used my life for service and He wants to use you. What is it that you see in me? Ask yourself that. Why do you listen to me? Hopefully, it is because you see me listening and following God.

Jeremiah 18:1-10 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." ³So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But 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. ⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me. ⁶He 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. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and 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."

1300 years before in 1885 BC, Israel settled in Goshen. In roughly 600 BC Jeremiah starts preaching. In 586 BC we see the fall of the nation. The clay vessel, that is Israel, is destroyed.

2) That is not the _____ of the _____.

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 ⁶"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; ¹⁰and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. ¹¹Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them."

God molded Israel. After Babylon they would come back and then they would be destroyed in 70 AD, rebuilt in 1944 and today --- they are the most powerful nation in the Middle East! He molded them to give us our Bible --- our Messiah --- our hope.

1 Peter 2:1-12 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. ⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

3) God has _____ you His _____.

Like Joseph, He is molding you. If you believe that, you know you are where you are supposed to be. So that means you are now responsible and have action items. You are now responsible to learn •Faith-Rest •Relaxed Mental Attitude •Occupation With Christ •Mastery of the Details of Life.....

4) God is _____ you for _____.

I personally get very excited. I believe with every fiber in my soul that true, real, warfare is coming and God is preparing me through all of my trials.

Let me ask you something: DO YOU WANT TO PLEASE GOD?

5) Then _____ in _____ and _____.

Then PLEASE Him. Or, do you want to continue to please yourself?

James 3:13-18

6) Do not _____ against the _____.

Sometimes, we just have to be honest with ourselves. Are you preparing to be more successful in the world or in the kingdom?

Ephesians 6:10-20

When I look out here do you know what I see? Angels and Warriors, a Chosen People.

Let's pray.