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The Gospel of Grace — The Potter's House: The Vessel Was Marred in His Hand

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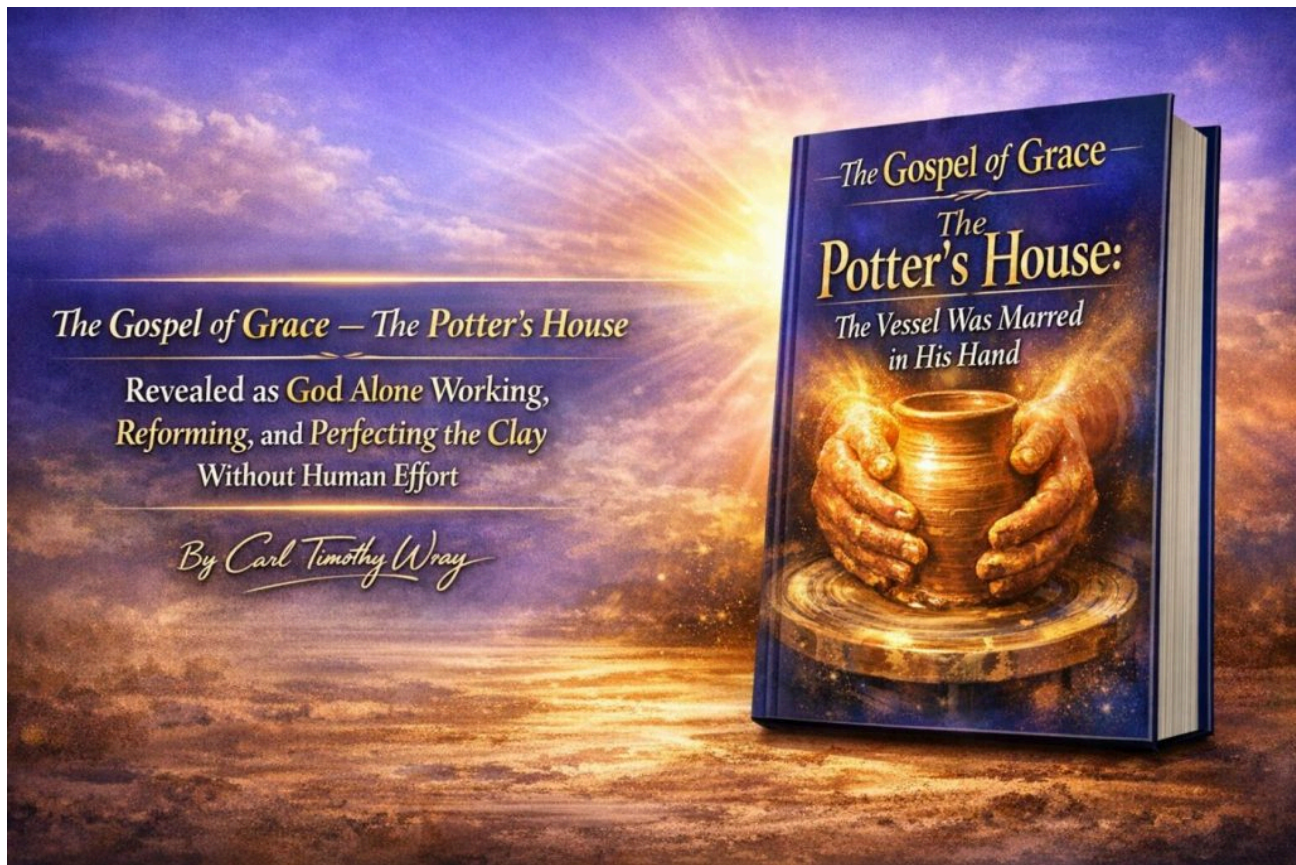
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The Gospel of Grace — The Potter's House: The Vessel Was Marred in His Hand is a Scripture-rich revelation of God's sovereign work in forming, breaking, and remaking the vessel of humanity. Centered on Jeremiah 18 and supported by a full-counsel thread from Genesis to Revelation, this book unveils the true meaning of the potter and the clay, exposing the end of human effort and revealing the Gospel of Grace as God alone working all things according to His will. Readers will discover how the "marred vessel" was never outside the Potter's hand, but part of His divine process of [reformation and perfection](#).



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📖 INTRODUCTION — “DOWN TO THE POTTER’S HOUSE”

There is a place in Scripture where God does not merely speak—He **shows**.

A place where theology is not explained, but revealed through a living picture. A place where the arguments of men fall silent, and the work of God stands visible before the eyes.

It is called **the potter’s house**.



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“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.” — *Jeremiah 18:2*

Notice the direction.

Not up... but down.

Because the revelation of grace is not found in the heights of human reasoning, but in the humility of seeing what God Himself is doing.

When the prophet arrived, he did not hear a sermon.

He did not receive a lecture.

He witnessed a work.

A potter sat at the wheel.

The clay turned beneath his hands.

A vessel began to form.

And then—something happened that has confused generations of readers who have not yet seen through the lens of grace:

“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter...”

Marred.

Not in the field.

Not in the hands of another.

Not outside the process.

In His hand.

This is where the Gospel of Grace begins to confront everything man has believed about himself.

Evangelicalism has taught that if the vessel is marred, it must repair itself.



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It must improve.

It must become worthy of the Potter's approval.

But the vision does not show a potter waiting on better clay.

It reveals something far greater.

“So he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.”

He made it again.

The same clay.

The same hand.

The same wheel.

No rejection.

No abandonment.

No second supplier.

Only the Potter... continuing His work.

This is the revelation that runs from Genesis to Revelation:

That God is not reacting to man—

He is **forming man**.

That the clay does not determine its outcome—

The Potter does.

And that what appears marred is not the end of the story,

but part of the process in the hands of One who never loses control of what He has



This book is not an argument.

It is an unveiling.

A journey through the Scriptures to see what has always been true:

That the Gospel of Grace is not about what man must do for God—
but what God has always been doing... in man.

So come down to the potter's house.

And watch closely.

Because if you see this clearly,
you will never again try to fix what only His hands were designed to form.

CHAPTER 1 — THE POTTER IN GENESIS: FORMED FROM THE DUST

In the Beginning — The Potter Forms the Clay

In the beginning, before man ever spoke a word, made a choice, or performed a single act, Scripture reveals something foundational about his existence.

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” — *Genesis 2:7*

Man did not begin as a builder.

Man did not begin as a thinker.

Man did not begin as a worker.



He began as something far more humbling—and far more revealing:

☞ He began as **dust in the hands of God.**

The word *formed* is not passive language. It is the language of a craftsman, of One who shapes, presses, and brings something into being with intention. Before Jeremiah ever saw the potter at the wheel, the reality was already established in Genesis:

God was the Potter.

Man was the clay.



Dust Thou Art — The Nature of the Vessel

The Lord does not hide this truth from man—He repeats it.

“For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” — *Genesis 3:19*

“All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.” — *Ecclesiastes 3:20*

“For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.” — *Psalms 103:14*

This is not spoken to shame the vessel.

It is spoken to **define it.**

The clay must understand what it is—and what it is not.

It is not self-originating.

It is not self-sustaining.



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perfecting.

It is formed.




Breath in the Clay — The Mystery of Life

Yet the story does not end with dust.

Something divine enters the formed vessel:

“He... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” —
Genesis 2:7

Here is the mystery:

-  Dust alone is lifeless.
-  Breath alone is invisible.
-  But together—they become a living vessel.

Man is the meeting place of heaven and earth.

But even in this union, the order must never be reversed:

The dust was formed first.
The breath was given second.

The Potter initiated both.

The Limitation of the Clay



When man is dust, he carries a limitation that religion often ignores.

Dust cannot shape itself.

Dust cannot refine itself.

Dust cannot rise above its own nature.

This is why Scripture continually brings man back to his origin—not to condemn him, but to free him from illusion.

When God says, “He remembereth that we are dust,” He is not expressing disappointment—He is revealing understanding.

God does not expect clay to act like the potter.

The Hidden Foundation of Grace

This is where the Gospel of Grace quietly begins.

If man is dust...

and if God is the One who formed him...

then everything that follows must be understood through that lens.

Man does not move God into action.

God is already the One acting.

From the very beginning, before sin was ever mentioned, before failure was ever introduced, the pattern was already set:

 God forms.



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 God initiates life.

The clay contributes nothing but its availability in the hands of the Potter.

The Thread Begins — From Genesis to the Potter's House

What is revealed in Genesis will unfold throughout all Scripture.

The same God who formed man from dust will later declare:

"We are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." — *Isaiah 64:8*

And then He will show it:

"Arise, and go down to the potter's house..." — *Jeremiah 18:2*

But before we ever arrive at the wheel in Jeremiah, we must first see the hands in Genesis.

Because the potter's house is not a new idea.

It is a **revealed continuation** of what God has always been doing.

Declaration

You were never the source of your formation.

You were never the architect of your becoming.



You were dust—formed by His hands, filled by His breath, and sustained by His will.

And the same God who formed you in the beginning
has never stepped away from the work of shaping the vessel.

Call to Action

Come down to the potter's house.

Not to strive...


Not to fix yourself...

Not to become something by your own effort...

But to see.

 Follow the thread from Genesis to Revelation

 Read, see, and let the Scriptures unveil the pattern

 Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where God is the One working all things in the clay

CHAPTER 2 — THE CLAY CANNOT FORM ITSELF

The Question That Exposes Everything

There is a question God asks throughout Scripture that exposes the root of human misunderstanding.

It is not a complicated question.



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It is simple—and it cuts deep:

“Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?”
— *Romans 9:20*

From the very beginning, man has struggled with this reality.

The clay has tried to rise above its place.

The formed has tried to question the Former.

And in doing so, man has stepped into a burden he was never created to carry:

☞ **the burden of forming himself.**

The Illusion of Self-Formation

Scripture does not leave this idea unchallenged.

“Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about...” — *Job 10:8*

“Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay...” — *Job 10:9*

Job saw it clearly:

He did not make himself.

He did not assemble his own life.

He did not design his own outcome.



He was **fashioned**.

Yet even with this knowledge, the struggle remains—because the natural mind wants control.

It wants to direct.

It wants to shape.

It wants to determine what it becomes.

But Scripture answers plainly:

“O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” — *Jeremiah 10:23*

Not partially.

Not occasionally.

☞ **It is not in man.**



The Rebuke of the Clay

The prophets speak boldly on this matter, because this is where deception begins.

“Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay...”
— *Isaiah 29:16*

“Shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not?”

“Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?”



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Here is the reversal:

The clay begins to act as if it understands more than the Potter.

It begins to:

- judge its own condition
- define its own purpose
- resist the process of formation

And then comes the piercing question:

▮ “Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou?” — *Isaiah 45:9*

This is not just a question.

This is a correction.

The Root of Human Effort

Every form of self-effort flows from this one deception:

👉 The belief that the clay must become something by its own ability.

Religion teaches:

- fix yourself
- improve yourself
- make yourself acceptable

But the Word reveals something entirely different.



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Then he does not:

- initiate his transformation
- sustain his transformation
- complete his transformation

He is **acted upon**.

The Clay Under the Hand

The truth is not that man does nothing—

The truth is that **man is being worked on**.

From Genesis to the prophets, the pattern remains:

God forms.

God shapes.

God directs.

Even when man walks, Scripture says:

“It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.” — *Jeremiah 10:23*

Even when man thinks, Scripture reveals:

“The preparations of the heart in man... is from the Lord.” — *Proverbs 16:1*

Even when man plans:



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heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.” — *Proverbs 16:9*

The clay is never independent.

It is always under the hand.

The Beginning of Freedom

When this truth is seen, something begins to break—not in destruction, but in liberation.

The pressure to become something by your own effort begins to fall away.

Because if it is not in you to direct your steps...
and if you were formed by His hands...
and if you are clay in the presence of the Potter...

Then the responsibility shifts:

👉 From you... to Him.

This is not passivity.

This is alignment with reality.

The Hidden Grace

Grace is not merely forgiveness.

Grace is the revelation that:



The One who formed you
is the One responsible for what you become.

The clay does not climb its way into perfection.

The clay is **shaped into it**.

The Thread Tightens

Now the pattern is becoming clearer:

- Genesis → Man is formed from dust
- Job → Man acknowledges he is clay
- Prophets → God rebukes the idea of self-formation
- Jeremiah → God reveals the process
- Apostles → God explains the purpose

The voice is consistent.

The message is unified.

The clay cannot form itself.

Declaration

You were never given the responsibility to create yourself.

You were never meant to carry the weight of becoming something acceptable

You are the clay.

And the One who formed you
has never handed that responsibility back to you.

Call to Action

Lay down the burden.

Let go of the illusion.


Step out of the mindset that says, "I must fix myself."

And come back to the truth:

 The clay does not form itself.

 The Potter is still working.

 Continue the journey

 Follow the Scriptures as they unfold the pattern

 Enter deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where God alone is working in the vessel

CHAPTER 3 — WE ARE THE WORK OF HIS HAND

The Identity of the Clay



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reveals that man was formed,
and the prophets declare that the clay cannot form itself,

then the next question must be answered:

👉 *Who is responsible for what the clay becomes?*

Scripture does not hesitate.

It speaks plainly:

“But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.” — *Isaiah 64:8*

Not part of the work.

Not a shared effort.

Not a cooperation of equals.

👉 **We are the work of His hand.**

👉 **Not We Ourselves**

This truth echoes throughout the Psalms, removing all confusion about origin and identity:

“It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people...” — *Psalms 100:3*

Man did not make himself in the beginning.

And man does not make himself now.



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The same God who formed the vessel
is the One who continues to define it.

Even the inward parts are not self-produced:

▮ "He fashioneth their hearts alike..." — *Psalm 33:15*

The heart you feel.
The thoughts you carry.
The inner workings of your being—

☞ All are under His forming hand.

Workmanship — Not Self-Made

The apostles bring this revelation into full clarity:

▮ "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus..." — *Ephesians 2:10*

Workmanship.

Not self-development.
Not self-improvement.
Not self-construction.

Workmanship is something crafted by another.

It implies:

- intention



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- process

- completion

The clay is not producing a life.

It is being shaped into one.

The Illusion of Ownership

Yet man struggles here.

Because if we are the work of His hand,
then something must be surrendered:

 the illusion that we belong to ourselves.

Scripture gently but firmly corrects this:

“Know ye not... ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price...” — 1
Corinthians 6:19–20

The vessel does not own itself.

It belongs to the One who formed it,
the One who sustains it,
and the One who is bringing it to completion.



The Hand That Never Stops Working



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... grace begins to deepen.

Because if we are the work of His hand,
then His hand must still be at work.

Not occasionally.

Not when we perform well.

Not when we get everything right.

But always.

The apostle confirms it:

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” — *Philippians 1:6*

He began it.

He performs it.

He completes it.

The clay does not take over halfway through the process.

Formed Within — Not Just Without

This work is not only external—it is internal.

The same God who formed Adam from dust
now forms Christ within the vessel.

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you...”



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1 John 3:9

Formed.

The same language from Genesis.

The same Potter.

The same process—

But now the work is happening within.

The Security of the Vessel

If this is true—

if we are truly the work of His hand—

Then the vessel is not fragile in the way religion presents it.

It is not hanging by its own strength.

It is not sustained by its own discipline.

It is held.

Formed.

Worked.

By the hands of the Potter.

And their hands do not abandon what they have begun.





The Thread Tightens Further

Now the pattern is undeniable:

- Genesis → Man is formed from dust
- Job → Man is clay in the hands of God
- Prophets → God declares, "You are My workmanship"
- Apostles → "We are His workmanship"
- Spirit → Christ is being formed within

This is not a fragmented message.

This is one continuous revelation:

👉 **God is the One doing the work.**



Declaration

You are not a self-made vessel.

You are not a project you must complete.

You are not responsible for producing your own transformation.

You are the workmanship of God—

Formed by His hand,
shaped by His will,
and carried forward by His power.



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Call to Action

Rest in the hand that formed you.

Release the pressure to become something by your own effort.

Return to the truth:



You are the clay.



You are the work of His hand.



And the Potter has never stopped forming the vessel.



Continue the journey



Follow the thread as Scripture unveils the process



Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where God alone is working in you

CHAPTER 4 — DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE

The Command — Come Down and See

There comes a moment in Scripture where God stops explaining—and starts showing.

"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words." — *Jeremiah 18:2*

Notice what He did not say.



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ay, "I will tell you My words."

He said, "I will cause you to hear them."

Because some things are not learned by explanation.

They are revealed by **seeing the work**.

And the direction matters:

👉 *Go down.*

Not up into reasoning.

Not up into intellect.

But down—into the place where the work is happening.



The Wheel — The Place of Process

“Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.” — *Jeremiah 18:3*

The prophet does not find a finished product.

He finds movement.

A wheel turning.

Hands pressing.

Clay responding.

The work of God is not static.

It is not frozen in a moment.

It is a **process in motion**.



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And the vessel is not observing the work—

☞ It is in the middle of it.



The Shock — Marred in His Hand

“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter...” —
Jeremiah 18:4

Here is the moment that has confused generations.

The vessel was marred.

But look closely—

It was not marred in the field.

It was not marred in another's hand.

It was not marred outside the process.

☞ It was marred **in His hand**.

This is where the Gospel of Grace begins to overturn everything man has believed.

Because religion teaches:

“If it is marred, something has gone wrong.”

“If it is marred, the vessel has failed.”

“If it is marred, it is rejected.”

But the vision shows something different.

The marring happened **within the process**,



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on the wheel.

The Response — He Made It Again

"...so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it." —
Jeremiah 18:4

This is the revelation.

Not that the vessel was marred—
but what the Potter did next.

He did not throw it away.
He did not discard the clay.
He did not reach for new material.

👉 He made it again.

The same clay.
The same hands.
The same wheel.

But now—another vessel.

Not according to the clay's will...
but:

| "As seemed good to the potter."

The Interpretation — As the Clay in His Hand



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ot leave the vision unexplained.

"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..." — *Jeremiah 18:6*

There is no distance between the picture and the reality.

☞ As the clay... so are you.

Not similar.

Not symbolic only.

But directly:

You are the clay in His hand.

The Revelation of the Hand

Everything now hinges on one truth:

☞ The clay never leaves the hand.

Not when it is forming.

Not when it is resisting.

Not when it is marred.

The hand remains.

And if the hand remains,

then the work remains.



The End of Self-Effort

If the vessel is in His hand...
and if the vessel was marred in His hand...
and if the Potter Himself made it again...

Then one conclusion becomes unavoidable:

👉 The clay is not responsible for fixing itself.

The responsibility belongs to the Potter.

This is the dividing line between law and grace.

Law says: *Fix the vessel.*

Grace says: *Watch the Potter.*

🔥 The Hidden Glory of the Process

The marring is not the end.

It is not failure.

It is part of a process that the Potter fully controls.

Because what is marred in one moment
can be remade in the next.

And the final form is not determined by what the clay was—

But by what the Potter desires.





The Thread Comes Into Focus

Now everything we've seen begins to converge:

- Genesis → God forms the clay
- Prophets → God declares Himself the Potter
- Jeremiah → God shows the process
- Apostles → God explains the purpose

The message is becoming unmistakable:

- ☞ God is not reacting to the vessel.
- ☞ God is working the vessel.



Declaration

You were never outside His hand.

Not when you were forming.
 Not when you were struggling.
 Not when you were marred.

The same hand that formed you
is the hand that is still working you.

And what you cannot fix—

He is already shaping.



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Call to Action

Come down to the potter's house.

Stand at the wheel.

Watch the hands.


And let this truth settle in you:

 The vessel was marred... in His hand.

 And the same hand is making it again.

 Stay with the pattern

 Let the Scriptures reveal the process

 Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where the Potter never stops working the clay



CHAPTER 5 — MARRED IN HIS HAND



The Question That Cannot Be Avoided

The vision in the potter's house leaves us with a question that must be answered:

If the vessel was marred...

and it was marred **in His hand**...

 Then what does that say about the hand?

This is where many turn away.



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Following this truth requires letting go of the belief that things happen outside of God's working.

But Scripture does not retreat.

It speaks with clarity:

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God...” —
Romans 8:28

Not some things.

Not the good things only.

☞ **All things.**

The Counsel of His Will

The apostle goes even further, removing all uncertainty:

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance... being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” —
Ephesians 1:11

All things.

Worked.

Not observed.

Not permitted from a distance.

☞ **Worked.**



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God who formed the clay
is the One working the process.



Who Speaks and It Comes to Pass?

The prophets asked the same question long before the apostles:

“Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?”
— *Lamentations 3:37*

If something comes to pass—

It is not outside His command.

And to make it even clearer:

“Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?” —
Lamentations 3:38

This is not confusion.

This is sovereignty.

The Potter is not reacting to events.

☞ The events are within His working.



Declaring the End from the Beginning

From the beginning, God has revealed the nature of His work:



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... declaring the end from the beginning... saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will
... pleasure.” — *Isaiah 46:10*

Not hoping.

Not adjusting.

Not correcting mistakes.

☞ Declaring. Doing. Completing.

The vessel is not writing its own story.

The Potter already knows the form it will take.

The Meaning of “Marred in His Hand”

Now the vision becomes clear.

When Jeremiah saw the vessel marred in the hand of the potter, he was not seeing failure.

He was seeing something that fits perfectly within the full counsel of God:

☞ A moment within a process already governed by the Potter.

The marring did not surprise Him.

It did not interrupt Him.

It did not remove the vessel from His control.

Because the hand never released the clay.



The Removal of Fear



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...e fear begins to break.

Because if all things are being worked according to His will...

Then the vessel is not at the mercy of chance.

Not at the mercy of failure.

Not at the mercy of its own weakness.

It is in the hands of the One who:

- works all things
- declares the end
- brings His counsel to pass

The End of Accusation

The moment this is seen, the voice of accusation begins to lose its power.

Because the accusation says:

- ☞ "You ruined the vessel."
- ☞ "You stepped outside the will of God."
- ☞ "Now you must fix what you broke."

But the Word answers:

"It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." —
Philippians 2:13

Even the will...

Even the doing...



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 worked by Him.



The Potter Never Lost Control

The truth is not that the vessel drifted away and had to return.

The truth is that it never left.

From Genesis to Jeremiah to the apostles, the pattern is unbroken:

- Formed by His hand
- Worked by His will
- Carried through His purpose

Even in the marring—

☞ The hand remained.



The Thread Now Locked

Now the full thread tightens:

- Genesis → God forms the clay
- Prophets → God declares His sovereignty
- Jeremiah → The vessel is marred in His hand
- Apostles → God works all things
- Revelation → God brings all things to completion

This is one voice.



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One Potter.

Declaration

Nothing in your life has been outside His hand.

Not the forming.

Not the struggle.

Not the marring.

The same God who began the work
has been working all things according to His will—

And He has never lost hold of the vessel.

Call to Action


Let the fear fall.

Let the accusation go silent.

Return to the truth:

 You were marred... in His hand.

 And His hand never released you.

 Stay with the pattern

 Let the Word show you the full counsel

 Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where God is working all things in the clay





CHAPTER 6 — MADE AGAIN ANOTHER VESSEL



The Moment After the Marring

The vision does not end with the vessel being marred.

That's where religion stops the story.

But Scripture continues:

“...so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.”
— *Jeremiah 18:4*

This is the part many have not seen.

The focus is not the marring.

👉 The focus is what the Potter did next.

He made it again.



The Same Clay — No Replacement

Notice what the text does not say.

It does not say:



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er discarded the clay

- the potter reached for new material
- the potter abandoned the work

It says:

👉 **He made it again.**

The same clay that was marred
is the clay that is reworked.

This aligns perfectly with the heart of Scripture:

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you
will perform it...” — *Philippians 1:6*

The One who began it
did not step away from it.

The Nature of Divine Reformation

This is not repair.

This is not patching something broken.

This is **reformation**.

Because the Potter is not trying to salvage a damaged vessel—

He is forming something according to His desire.



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will do a new thing...” — *Isaiah 43:19*

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...” — *2 Corinthians 5:17*

The language of Scripture is not:

- fixed
- improved
- corrected

It is:

- 👉 **made new**
- 👉 **formed again**
- 👉 **another vessel**

🔥 As Seemed Good to the Potter

Here is the governing phrase:

“As seemed good to the potter to make it.”

Not as seemed good to the clay.

Not according to the vessel's preference.

👉 According to the Potter's will.

This aligns with everything we have seen:

“Who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” — *Ephesians 1:11*



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is not determined by:

- the condition of the clay
- the failure of the vessel
- the effort of the formed

It is determined by:

👉 **what seems good to the Potter.**

The Continuity of the Work

This is where grace becomes undeniable.

Because if the same clay is made again...

Then nothing has disqualified the vessel from the process.

The work did not stop at the marring.

It continued through it.

Just as it is written:

▮ “For we are his workmanship...” — *Ephesians 2:10*

Workmanship implies process.

And process implies continuation.



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Potter Does Not Lose His Investment

The clay is not a disposable material.

It is something the Potter has chosen to work with.

And once the work has begun, Scripture consistently reveals:

☞ He brings it to completion.

▮ "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." — *1 Thessalonians 5:24*

Not you will do it.

☞ **He will do it.**

The End of Rejection Theology

This is where a major lie is broken.

The idea that the vessel can be:

- rejected permanently
- cast aside
- replaced by another

is not what the potter's house reveals.

It reveals:

☞ The same clay... made again.



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Not a second attempt.

But a continuation of the same work.

The Thread Now Glows

Now the pattern shines clearly:

- Genesis → God forms the clay
- Prophets → God declares His right over the clay
- Jeremiah → God shows the clay being remade
- Apostles → God promises to complete the work

This is one message:

👉 God finishes what He starts.

The Beauty of “Another Vessel”

“Another vessel” does not mean a different substance.

It means a different **form**.

The clay is the same.

But the expression changes.

The purpose unfolds.



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This is transformation—not replacement.

Declaration

You have not been discarded.

You have not been replaced.

You have not fallen outside the reach of the Potter.

You are the clay—

And the One who began the work in you
is still forming you into what seems good to Him.

Call to Action

Stop trying to rebuild yourself.


Stop striving to become something by your own effort.

Return to the truth:

 The vessel was marred...

 And the Potter made it again.

 Stay in the Word

 Follow the pattern through the Scriptures



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...er into the Gospel of Grace—where God alone reforms the vessel



CHAPTER 7 — OF THE SAME LUMP



The Question Returns — Who Forms the Vessel?

The apostle Paul brings us back to the same question the prophets asked:

“Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?”
— *Romans 9:20*

This is not a new argument.

It is the same voice from Isaiah:

“Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou?” — *Isaiah 45:9*

And the same revelation from the potter's house:

- ☞ The clay does not question the Potter.
 - ☞ The formed does not define its own outcome.
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The Same Lump — Not Two Creations

Paul then reveals something that must be seen clearly:

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



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phrase that unlocks everything:

☞ "Of the same lump."

Not two lumps.

Not two origins.

Not two separate creations.

The vessels do not come from different sources.

They come from the **same material**.



The Misunderstanding of Division

Many have read this passage and concluded:

- God creates some for good
- God creates others for destruction
- There are permanently different kinds of people

But this interpretation ignores the pattern already established:

- In Genesis → all are dust
- In Jeremiah → the same clay is reworked
- In Isaiah → all are the work of His hand

So when Paul speaks of vessels of honour and dishonour, he is not describing **different substances**—

He is describing **different conditions within the same process**.



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The Great House — Different Vessels, Same

Source

Paul confirms this again:

“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.” — *2 Timothy 2:20*

The house is one.

The source is one.

The difference is not in origin—

👉 It is in **function and formation**.

And then comes the key:

“If a man therefore purge himself... he shall be a vessel unto honour...” — *2 Timothy 2:21*

The vessel is not locked into one state forever.

It is **moving through process**.



Conditions — Not Conclusions

This is where the potter's house must guide our understanding.



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vessel was marred, it was not the end.

It was a moment.

A condition.

A stage within the process.

And just as Jeremiah saw:

“...so he made it again another vessel...” — *Jeremiah 18:4*

The condition changed.

The form changed.

The outcome shifted—

👉 Because the Potter continued the work.

God Concludes All — Not Some

Paul later removes all confusion about division:

“For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.” — *Romans 11:32*

Not some.

👉 All.

the purpose behind the process:



Not permanent dishonour—
but a movement toward mercy.

Who Makes the Difference?

Even the difference between vessels is not self-produced:

“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?” — *1 Corinthians 4:7*

The vessel does not elevate itself.

The vessel does not transform itself.

👉 The difference is made by the Potter.

The Flow of Formation

Now the thread becomes unmistakable:

- Same lump
- Same clay
- Same hand
- Same Potter

Different stages.

Different forms.

Different expressions.



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The End of Separation Thinking

This revelation destroys the idea that:

- some are permanently rejected
- some are beyond the reach of God
- some exist outside the purpose of the Potter

Because if all come from the same lump...

Then all remain within the scope of His working.

The Potter's Right — The Potter's Purpose

Yes, the Potter has power over the clay.

But His power is not arbitrary.

It is purposeful.

It is moving toward something.

And as we have already seen:

👉 He makes it again... as seemed good to Him.



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Declaration

You are not a separate creation.

You are not outside the process.

You are not fixed in dishonour.

You are of the same lump—

And the same Potter who forms one vessel
is working all things to bring the clay into His desired outcome.

Call to Action

Lay down the fear of being set apart for failure.

Reject the lie of permanent separation.

Return to the truth:



One lump.



One Potter.



One ongoing work.



Stay in the Scriptures



Follow the thread through the Word



Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where all things are being worked in the hands of God



CHAPTER 8 — THE BREAKING OF THE VESSEL



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The Scriptures That Trouble the Mind

There are passages in Scripture that seem severe—so severe that many have built entire doctrines of fear around them.

“Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” — *Psalms 2:9*

“And thou shalt break the bottle in the sight of the men...” — *Jeremiah 19:10*

“And even as one breaketh a potter’s vessel, that cannot be made whole again...” — *Jeremiah 19:11*

“He shall break it as the breaking of the potter’s vessel...” — *Isaiah 30:14*

At first glance, these words seem final.

Irreversible.

Severe.

Without hope.

But the question must be asked:

👉 *Are these passages outside the revelation of the potter's house... or part of it?*



The Potter Still Holds the Vessel

We must not separate what God has joined together.

In Jeremiah 18, the vessel is marred in His hand—and made again.



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In Jeremiah 19, the vessel is broken.

Two chapters.

Same prophet.

Same Potter.

This is not contradiction.

👉 This is continuation.

Because the breaking, like the marring, is not happening outside His control.

The Potter is still the One holding the vessel.

🔥 **Breaking Is Not Abandonment**

When Scripture speaks of breaking, it is not describing the Potter losing control—

It is describing the Potter **exercising it**.

“Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” — *Psalm 2:9*

This is not chaos.

This is authority.

And authority always serves purpose.



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— **But He Heals**

The prophets themselves reveal the nature of this breaking:

"Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up." — *Hosea 6:1*

Notice the pattern:

- ☞ He tears... and He heals.
- ☞ He smites... and He binds.

The same hand that breaks
is the hand that restores.



The Purpose of the Breaking

Breaking is not the end of the vessel.

It is the end of a form.

A structure.

A shape.

A condition.

Just as the marred vessel was not the final form—

Neither is the broken one.

Because the Potter is not committed to preserving every form—

- ☞ He is committed to producing His desired one.



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What Cannot Be Made Whole Again?

Jeremiah says:

"...that cannot be made whole again." — *Jeremiah 19:11*

But what is he speaking of?

Not the clay itself—

☞ but the **form that existed**.

That specific structure.

That particular expression.

That arrangement of the vessel—

Is finished.

But the clay?

The clay remains in the hands of the Potter.



From Breaking to Remaking

The pattern has already been established:

- Marred → made again
- Broken → not restored to the same form



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But that does not mean:

☞ the clay is lost

It means:

☞ the form is changed

Because the Potter is not restoring what was—

He is forming what **He desires next**.

The Rod of Iron — Authority, Not Chaos

When Christ is revealed as ruling with a rod of iron:

“As the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers...” — *Revelation 2:27*

This is not destruction without purpose.

It is **government**.

The removal of what cannot remain
to establish what must be formed.

The Thread Holds Together

Now the pattern remains unbroken:

- Genesis → Man is formed from dust



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h 18 → The vessel is marred and remade

h 19 → The vessel is broken

- Hosea → What is torn is healed
- Revelation → Christ rules with authority over the vessel

This is not contradiction.

This is **process**.

The End of Fear-Based Interpretation

When breaking is misunderstood, it produces fear.

But when breaking is seen through the potter's house, it produces clarity.

Because the vessel is never:

- outside His hand
- outside His purpose
- outside His working

Even in the breaking—

👉 The Potter remains.

The Potter Is After the Final Form

The Potter is not preserving every stage.

He is moving toward a final design.



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g that cannot remain in that design—

is removed.

Not because the clay is rejected—

but because the form is not the end.

Declaration

What has been broken in your life
was never outside His hand.

It was not the end of you.

It was the end of a form
that could not carry what He is bringing forth.

And the same hand that allowed the breaking
is the hand that continues the work.

Call to Action

Do not fear the breaking.

Do not interpret it as rejection.

Return to the truth:



The vessel may be broken...




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...but the Potter still holds the clay.

 Stay with the Word

 Follow the full pattern

 Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where even the breaking serves the hand of God



CHAPTER 9 — CHRIST THE POTTER



The Authority Given to the Son

The revelation of the Potter does not end in the Old Testament.

It comes into full clarity in Christ.

Because the One who formed the clay in Genesis...
the One who spoke through the prophets...
is now revealed in the Son.

“All judgment is committed unto the Son.” — *John 5:22*

Not partially.

Not shared in fragments.

 **All judgment.**

The authority to:

- form
- correct



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Now rests fully in Christ.

All Things Created — All Things Sustained

The apostle declares plainly:

“For by him were all things created... and by him all things consist.” — *Colossians 1:16–17*

This brings us back to the beginning.

The One who formed man from dust
is the same One now revealed as Christ.

He did not step into creation later.

☞ He was always the One forming it.

And not only creating—

▮ “By him all things consist.”

All things are held together.

Sustained.

Maintained.

☞ **Kept in His hand.**



Upholding All Things

This truth is reinforced again:

“Who being the brightness of his glory... upholding all things by the word of his power...” — *Hebrews 1:3*

Not some things.

 **All things.**

The vessel is not drifting.

The vessel is upheld.

Even when it is:

- forming
- marred
- broken
- remade

It is still being upheld.

The Rod of Iron — The Potter's Rule

Now the language of the potter returns in full authority:

“He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken...” — *Revelation 2:27*

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This is not a different work.

This is the same work—

Now revealed in the Son.

The Potter has not changed.

👉 The Potter has been revealed.

🔥 The Same Hands — Now Seen Clearly

When Jesus walked the earth, men saw:

- healing
- restoring
- correcting
- raising
- transforming

But what they were really seeing was:

👉 **the hand of the Potter in action.**

When He touched the blind—

He was forming.

When He spoke to the dead—

He was forming.



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corrected the religious—

He was reshaping the vessel.

The Work Continues in the Vessel

And now the same Christ is not just working externally—

He is working within.

“It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” —
Philippians 2:13

The Potter is no longer just seen at a wheel.


 The Potter is working **inside the clay**.

Forming:

- the will
 - the desire
 - the outcome
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The Full Revelation of the Potter

Now the full picture stands:

- Genesis → God forms the clay
- Prophets → God declares Himself the Potter
- Jeremiah → God shows the process
- Christ → God reveals Himself in the Son
-  EN → God works within the vessel

This is not progression in identity—

This is progression in **revelation**.

The Potter has always been the same.

The End of Separation

There is no separation between:

- God the Creator
- God the Potter
- Christ the Son

It is one work.

One hand.

One purpose.

The same One who said:

“Let us make man...” — *Genesis 1:26*

Is the One who now works:

👉 **in man.**



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Living Potter

The potter's house is no longer just a place in Jeremiah.

It is now a living reality.

Because the Potter is not distant.

He is present.

Working.

Forming.

Shaping.

Within the vessel itself.

Declaration

The One who formed you in the beginning
is the One who is working in you now.

Christ is not observing your life—

He is shaping it.

He is the Potter.

And you are still the clay in His hands.



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Call to Action

Stop looking for the Potter outside of you alone.

Recognize His work within.

Return to the truth:



Christ is the Potter.



And He is working in the clay.



Stay in the Word



Follow the full counsel



Step deeper into the Gospel of Grace—where Christ Himself is forming the vessel



CHAPTER 10 — THE FINISHED VESSEL: GOD ALL IN ALL



From Formation to Completion

From the very beginning, the pattern has been clear.

God formed man from the dust of the ground.

He breathed into him the breath of life.

He revealed Himself as the Potter.

He showed the process at the wheel.

He declared His sovereignty over the clay.

He revealed Himself fully in Christ.



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come to the question:

☞ *Where is all of this leading?*

Scripture answers with a clarity that leaves no room for confusion:

▮ “For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things...” — *Romans 11:36*

Not some things.

☞ **All things.**

Of Him — Through Him — To Him

This is the full circuit of the vessel.

- **Of Him** → The origin (formed from His hand)
- **Through Him** → The process (worked on the wheel)
- **To Him** → The outcome (brought into completion)

The clay never leaves this flow.

It does not begin with itself.

It does not sustain itself.

It does not complete itself.

☞ It is entirely within Him.

God All in All



brings the final revelation into view:

“Then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him... that God may be all in all.”
— *1 Corinthians 15:28*

This is the finished vessel.

Not a creation partially formed.

Not a people struggling to become something.

☞ But a reality where God fills all.

The Potter is not merely shaping something external—

He is bringing everything into **union with Himself**.



The Perfect Man

This process leads somewhere specific:

“Till we all come... unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” — *Ephesians 4:13*

Not fragments.

Not partial growth.

☞ Fullness.

The vessel is not being shaped randomly.

It is being formed into a precise image:



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...e of Christ.



God Working Within

And how does this happen?

Not by the effort of the clay—

But by the working of the Potter within it.

“It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” —
Philippians 2:13

Even at the end—

It is still Him working.

The clay never takes over the process.



The Vessel Brought to Completion

Now everything we have seen comes together:

- Formed in Genesis
- Defined by the prophets
- Revealed at the potter's house
- Explained by the apostles
- Manifested in Christ

And brought to completion by the same hand.

What began as dust...



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Becomes a vessel filled with the fullness of God.

Nothing Lost in the Process

If all things are:

| “Of him... through him... and to him...”

Then nothing has been outside the process.

Not the forming.

Not the marring.

Not the breaking.

Not the remaking.

☞ All of it has been within His working.

The Final Form

The Potter is not leaving the vessel unfinished.

He is not abandoning the work halfway through.

He is not waiting for the clay to complete itself.

The Scripture is clear:

☞ He brings it to fullness.

☞ He fills all things.

☞ He becomes all in all.



The Thread Completed

Now the full counsel stands complete:

- Genesis → Man formed from dust
- Job → Man acknowledges he is clay
- Prophets → God declares Himself the Potter
- Jeremiah → The vessel is marred and remade
- Apostles → God works all things
- Christ → The Potter revealed
- Fulfillment → God all in all

This is one message.

One work.

One unbroken hand.



Declaration

You are not an unfinished accident.

You are not a vessel left to complete yourself.

You are the work of God—

Formed by His hand,
 carried through His process,
 and brought into fullness by His power.



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who began the work in you
 to completion.

Call to Action

Rest in the finished work of the Potter.


Release the burden of becoming.

Return to the truth:


 Of Him.

 Through Him.

 To Him.

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