

Marred in the Hand of the Potter

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"I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 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" (Jeremiah 18:3-4).

Let us consider for a moment the billions of humans which the Potter has made. Is it not staggering to realize we have never looked upon one vessel which was not, in some way, marred? Only one Man has trod this earth Who did not sin, and Who was not condemned by Adam's death sentence. All the rest are marred. Except for Christ, there is not one vessel that could rightfully occupy a place of honor. All are what the pottery shops refer to as "seconds," which are usually sold only at a great discount.

While most will agree that all humanity bears the pock marks of sin, very few realize that this situation came about, not by some ancient accident, but as the reasonable result of God's perfect plan. Some have asked, "But how can imperfection play a part in the plan of a perfect God?" We happily answer, "In order to display His unfathomable wisdom and transcendent love."

Marred in the Potter's hand ... but still in the hand of the Potter! Here is peace for all who will ponder these words! For whatever may be their present condition, each vessel still rests secure in His all-sufficient hands. Without Him all life in this vast universe would vanish. In Him we are living, and moving, and are (Acts 17:28). Only when we realize that all, really ALL is still in the hand of the Potter, can we let nothing worry us (Philippians 4:6); for if, in all these many millenniums, God has not chosen to withdraw His hand from these marred pieces of clay, then we can rest in a future equally secure, never doubting that what He has promised, this He will do!

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