

"You will say to me then, 'Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" vs. 19

GOD IS THE:

1. POTTER WHO IS SHAPING US. Vs. 20-26

"On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the Molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?" vs. 20

"Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?" vs. 21-22

Vessels for Honor

Common Vessels

Vessels of Wrath

"And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory." vs. 23

"Even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. As He says also in Hosea, 'I will call those who were not My people, 'My people,' and her who was not beloved, 'Beloved.' And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' there they shall be called sons of the living God." vs. 24-26

2. RESCUER OF THE REMNANT. Vs. 27-29

"And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, 'Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; for the Lord will execute His word upon the earth, thoroughly and quickly.' And just as Isaiah foretold, 'Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, we would have become as Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah." vs. 27-29





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"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it." Matt. 7:13-14 "For the Lord will execute His word upon the earth, thoroughly and quickly.' And just as Isaiah foretold, 'Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, we would have become as Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah." vs. 27-29

3. ROCK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Vs. 30-33

"What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law." vs. 30-31 "Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, just as it is written, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed." vs. 32-33

"And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God."

1 Peter 2:4

Healthy People:

"...'It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:17

Evasive People:

"But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29

Proud People:

"...for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:14

Anxious People:

"...this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."

Matt. 13:22

Wealthy People:

"I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" Matt. 19:24

Religious People:

"This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men." Matt. 15:8-9

APPLICATION FOR ME:

"He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay; and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear, and will trust in the Lord." Ps. 40:2-3

Give Thanks for the Imputed Righteousness of Christ!

"For they themselves report about us what kind of reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come." 1 Thess. 1:9-10

Give Thanks for being part of God's Remnant!

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28

"And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory." Rom. 9:23

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18

Give thanks for what God is doing in your life right now!

