You and Your Maker

PART TWO

Sunday, August 1, 2021 | Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 45:9
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[1]The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: [2]"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear My words." [3]So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. [4]And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. [5]Then the word of the LORD came to me: [6]"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel." —Jeremiah 18:1-6

1. God is Like a _____

But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. —Isaiah 64:8

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. —Ephesians 2:10

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
—Philippians 1:6

2. We are Like _____

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
—Romans 15:4

You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? —Isaiah 29:16

3. Life is Like a _____

• Providence is a Powerful, Life-Affirming _____

"Providence is that continuous agency of God, by which He makes all the events of the physical and moral universe fulfill the original design with which He created it." —Henry Thiessen

"Providence includes God's present active work in preparing and preserving His people according to His covenant promise found in Romans 8."

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

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[21]But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: [22]The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; [23]they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. [24]"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." —Lamentations 3:21-24

… [32]but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love; [33]for He does not afflict from His heart or grieve the children of men.
—Lamentations 3:32-33

• Providence can Bring Painful, Life-Altering _____

[55]I called on Your name, O LORD, from the depths of the pit; [56]You heard my plea, "Do not close Your ear to my cry for help!" [57]You came near when I called on You; You said, "Do not fear!" [58]You have taken up my cause, O LORD; You have redeemed my life. —Lamentations 3:55-58

"Woe to him who strives with Him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles?'"
—Isaiah 45:9

• Providence is a Positive, Life-Giving _____

"I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways level; he shall build My city and set My exiles free, not for price or reward," says the LORD of hosts. —Isaiah 45:13

"Woe to him who strives with Him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles?'"
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[7]And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. [8]So it was not you who sent me here, but God… [20]As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.
—Genesis 45:7-8; 50:20

"God sometimes allows us to travel pathways we would not have chosen to experience His love and blessing in ways we could not have ever comprehended."

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him." —1 Corinthians 2:9

"My prayer today is that my life will sing of the fact that God is glorious even when my circumstances are not." —Daniel Ritchie

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