



# YOU ARE THE POTTER I AM THE CLAY

It occurs to me that in order to be USEFUL to the master, we will need to know where we stand. We will need to know WHO WE ARE in this whole thing.

As hard as it is to understand Romans 9:10-21, I think it's also the place where we will find the answer to humbleness, the secret to usefulness.

After the writer (Paul) brings us through some information that even he may not understand, speaking for God in Verse 20, he asks the question (in answer to the question of why God does what He does...not fair?) ***“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?”*** So, this is where God asks us the question, ***“who are you?”*** To know the answer to that question is to know the answer to humility...who am I in relation to God? That's easy, I'm the clay... I am small. I am helpless. I am nothing. But who is God? He is the POTTER! He is the ONE calling the shots...HE IS THE ONE IN CONTROL. Verse 21 gives us some more clues: ***“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?”*** The obvious answer to that is 'yes.' So where does that leave us? Simple. We are the clay, He is the potter. The clay

doesn't answer back anything, it can't talk, it doesn't think, it just gets molded into whatever the potter may desire it to be. IF we could get this truth of who we are as ***“purchased -property”*** of God, we would be much more pliable in His hands, much more useful to Him in this world.

Father, please forgive me for thinking I am something when I am nothing without You. Forgive me for lifting my tiny, little, clay fist in the face of Your sovereignty and holiness, especially when I don't understand Your ways. Father, I yield. I yield to You alone..... My God, You are the potter and I am the clay.



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