

# Jeremiah 18:3

by Chuck Smith

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*This sermon explores the relationship between God as the potter and humanity as the clay, emphasizing submission to divine sovereignty for purpose and beauty in life.*

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 18:3

**Topics:** "God's Sovereignty", "Submission to God"

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the relationship between God and humanity through the metaphor of the potter and the clay. He illustrates how God, as the potter, has absolute power and purpose for our lives, shaping us through the circumstances we encounter. The sermon highlights that while we may feel worthless on our own, we become priceless in God's hands when we submit to His will. Smith teaches that understanding our purpose requires a willingness to yield to the divine craftsmanship of the Potter. Ultimately, life can achieve beauty and utility when we allow God to mold us according to His design.

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## Transcript

### I. THE POTTER.

A. Interest.

B. Attention.

C. Absolute Power.

### II. THE WHEEL.

A. Circumstance of surrounding life.

1. The events that help mold.

B. Wheel is transient and will pass.

### III. THE CLAY.

A. Man's capacity in relationship to God.

1. Worthless of itself.

2. Priceless in hands of potter.

3. Can only know purpose of Potter by submission.

#### IV. PRINCIPLE TAUGHT.

A. God is absolutely sovereign - the rights of God.

#### V. PURPOSE EXPRESSED.

"He wrought His work on the wheel."

A. The potter has a thought in mind for the clay.

1. Life can know utility and beauty as it submits to hands of potter.

#### VI. THE PERSON - "God is the potter."

"The Potter's field."

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