

Clay in the Potter's Hand

lessons from Isaiah



Isaiah 29:15-16

*God to Israel:
“What do you think
you’re doing?”*



- **The problem of empty worship**

- *Isaiah 29:13-14*
- *Matthew 15:1-9*

- **The problem of foreign alliances**

- *Isaiah 30:1-3*
- *James 4:4*

Isaiah 29:15-16

*hiding or
justifying
our sin*



Isaiah 45:9-10

*Israel to God:
“What do you think
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*questioning
God's ways*

- **Context: deliverance from exile**

- *King Cyrus – Is. 44:28-45:1*
- *Israel's response – "what?!"*
- *God's answer – Is. 45:11-13*

- **Clay still has free will**

- *Jeremiah 18:1-12*



Isaiah 45:9-10

*questioning
God's ways*

- **What's God doing in the world today?**

- *War, poverty, persecution, sin*
- *God is still in control!*

- **What's God doing in my life today?**

- *James 1:2-4*
- *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*



Isaiah 64:8-9

*Israel to God:
“We are clay in
your hands.”*



- **Precisely the opposite attitude!**

- *Confessing sin – Is. 64:5-7*
- *Pleading for help – Is. 64:8-9*

- **God's answer: “all things new”**

- *Isaiah 65:17-19*

Isaiah 64:8-9

*submitting to
God's ways*



*When we submit
to the potter's
hand, He can do
amazing things
with us...*



2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have *this treasure in earthen vessels*, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.

2 Timothy 2:20-21

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor...

2 Timothy 2:20-21

...Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be ***a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.***

Ephesians 2:10

For *we are His workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.