

The Book of Jeremiah

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we continue studying the book of **Jeremiah** – this time reading **chapters 18-25**.

This section begins with an enacted parable. Jeremiah is sent by the Lord down to the potter's house. He watches the potter shaping a pot on his wheel, but the pot is marred, and so the potter has to start all over again.

In **18:6**, The Lord makes this pronouncement upon Israel:

“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. ‘Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.’”

The Lord uses this as a picture of his relationship with Israel – and a foreboding of both the judgment and the redemption that is to come.

There are a number of important points that emerge from this illustration:

- God is in control – He is the potter and Israel is the clay (**Isaiah 29:16; 45:9; 64:8; Romans 9:21**).
- God has a purpose for Israel (and for us) – Just as a potter envisions the end product he is making, so God has a wonderful plan for Israel – and for our lives too (see **29:11**).
- But Israel became marred, just as the pot became marred in the potter's hand. This was the state of Judah in Jeremiah's time.
- God, however, was prepared to start all over again. Just as the potter “formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him” (**18:4**), so the Lord would do the same to Israel.

This illustration, like the rest of the book, prophesies of both judgment and hope. With this in mind, let's now grab a comfortable chair and read **chapters 18-25**.

Memory Verse

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life,
but whoever rejects the Son will not see life,
for God's wrath remains on him.

John 3:36

Your Fishing Kit

This is the third verse in your fishing kit. **John 3:36** is connected with **John 3:16** and **John 3:18**. Each describes the fact that the Lord Jesus is the sole determination between life and death, judgment and mercy, heaven and hell. But **John 3:36** makes a further declaration. It states that if we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we *immediately* receive eternal life. But if we do *not* believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's wrath remains upon us and judgment is our destination (see also **John 3:18-21**).

Here are the other verses in your "fishing kit":

John 3:16
John 3:18
John 3:36
Ephesians 1:7-8
Romans 3:23
Romans 6:23
Isaiah 53:5
Isaiah 53:6
Isaiah 59:1-2
Isaiah 54:6

Proverbs 14:12
Romans 5:8
1 John 4:10
Acts 2:38
Acts 3:19
Acts 4:12
John 14:6
1 John 1:8
1 John 1:9
1 John 1:10

John 1:12
John 3:3
John 5:24
John 6:37
John 10:10
John 10:28
Romans 10:9
Romans 10:13
2 Corinthians 5:17
2 Corinthians 5:21

Matthew 10:32-33
1 Corinthians 10:13
1 John 5:10
1 John 5:11
1 John 5:12
Romans 2:4-5
Acts 17:30
John 14:1-3
John 16:33
Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an "on the tip of your tongue" familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.