



Lesson 31 “The Lippiness of Pottery”

Romans 9:19-29

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Read Jeremiah 18:3-11. What does Jeremiah see the potter do?

What does God tell Jeremiah regarding what this pottery is like?

What can God do to any nation?

Does God show mercy on those who repent?

Does He show judgment on those who do evil?

Read Isaiah 64:6-9. What is all of our righteousness like?***

What do our iniquities do to us?

There is no one who does what?

Because God’s face is hidden from us, what has happened to us?

How does Isaiah understand the relationship between the people and God?

What petition does Isaiah bring here?

Read Jeremiah 17:9-10. What is the heart of man like?

What does God give to every man?

Read Psalm 58:1-5. Is David actually addressing “gods” here?

Why does he call them gods?

Can they judge rightly?

Look at verse 3: when are the wicked separated from God? Now, look at verses 4-5. What have they done to their ears? Like a snake that doesn’t hear the voice of the charmer, whose voice are *they* not hearing?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:11-14. Who can comprehend the thoughts of God?

What is within *us*?

Why?

Why does the natural (or person still rebelling against God) not accept the things of the Spirit of God?

** (The actual words used here mean “used menstrual cloth”.)

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to remember that He is in control, even when we don't understand how it all works together. Ask Him to remind you of His holiness and justice and righteousness in comparison with your sin. Thank Him for *not* giving you “what you deserve”, but for demonstrating His mercy instead. Ask God to keep your heart soft to His Spirit, and your ears open to His voice (not literally) through His word. Ask Him to continue to change you from the natural to the spiritual, to guide you in studying His word, and to trust His faithfulness everyday.