

Lesson 9
The Potter's Vessel and Pashur's Judgment
Jeremiah 18-20

Questions

1. Where was Jeremiah told to go and what did he see there (18:1-4)?

2. How was the house of Israel like clay in a potter's hand and what did the Lord call upon them to do (18:5-12)?

3. What had the Lord's people done and what would the Lord do to them (18:13-17)?

4. What did the people say about Jeremiah (19:18)?

5. What did Jeremiah request of the Lord concerning those who opposed him (19:19-23)?

6. What did the Lord tell Jeremiah to buy and where was he to go with it (19:1-2)?

7. What did the Lord want Jeremiah to say to the kings of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem (19:3-9)?

8. What did the Lord tell Jeremiah to do with what he had bought and what was he to say to the men who were with him (19:10-13)?

9. What did Jeremiah say to the people in the Lord's house (19:14-15)?

10. What did Pashur do to Jeremiah (20:1-2)?
11. What judgment did Jeremiah pronounce on Pashur (20:3-6)?
12. What did Jeremiah reveal about his trials when he spoke to the Lord about them (20:7-10)?
13. What did Jeremiah believe the Lord would do to his enemies and to himself (20:11-13)?
14. What did Jeremiah curse and why (20:14-18)?

Digging Deeper

1. What does the language of Jeremiah 18:19-23 say about Jeremiah himself? Was he overcome with petty vindictiveness?
2. Where are the following places located near Jerusalem: the valley of the son of Hinnom (19:2), the gate of Harsith or Potsherd (19:2), and Topheth (19:12-13)?
3. Who in the OT did Jeremiah sound like when he cursed the day of his birth (20:14-18)?

Applications for Today

1. We need to be like a vessel of clay in the potter's (the Lord's) hand (18:1-10; Acts 9:15; Rom. 9:21-23; 2 Cor. 4:7; 1 Thess. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:20-21).
2. If you have forsaken and forgotten the Lord, return to him (18:11-17; Lk. 15:11-32).

3. When you are threatened by enemies, pray to the Lord and let him take care of it (18:18-23; Rom. 12:17-21; 2 Thess. 3:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:14).
4. The Lord will bring evil and destruction upon all who do not obey him (19:1-15; Rom. 2:5-9; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; 2 Pet. 2:1 – 3:7; Jude 5-7, 14-15).
5. The Lord knows who the false prophets and false teachers are and they will be punished (20:1-6; Acts 13:6; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1).
6. Be realistic about the problems you are having and tell it to the Lord, but remain faithful to him even in difficult times (20:7-13; 2 Tim. 3:10-11; 4:6-8; Heb. 11:32-40).
7. Difficult times can cause us to regret being alive, but we must never give up on the Lord or our loved-ones (20:14-18; Job 3:1-26).