

Jeremiah 18:1-11

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying, ²“Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will announce My words to you.”

³Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something on the wheel. ⁴But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁶“Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; ⁸if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. ⁹Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it; ¹⁰if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it. ¹¹So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds.”’”

SERMON NOTES

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Does God Have a Plan B?

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“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Does God have a Plan B?

Isn't God unchangeable?

Potter's House - “vessel is spoiled” (v. 4) - Potter started over

Another – ACHAR – “what is left behind”

NACHAM - “to be sorry”

v. 8 - “relent” (judgment to mercy)

v.10 - “think better” (mercy to judgment)

1 Corinthians 9:27 “lest I be disqualified”

“²²Surely all the men who have seen My glory..., yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, ²³shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers.” (Numbers 14:22-23)

“Reform your ways!” v. 11 – YATAB – “to make good; right”

Jeremiah 19 – When clay gets hard

Thief on the cross – while clay is still wet (Luke 23:40-43)