# THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD Pt. 1 – 'THE POTTER and THE CLAY'

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#### Jeremiah 18:1-4 (NIV)

- [1] This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
- [2] "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."
- [3] So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.
- [4] But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

#### Isaiah 45:9 (TLB)

<sup>[9]</sup> Woe to the man who fights with his Creator. Does the pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with him who forms it, saying, "Stop, you're doing it wrong!" or the pot exclaim, "How clumsy can you be!"?

#### Romans 9:20-21 (NIV)

- [20] But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?""
- [21] Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

### Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)

- [23] Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
- [24] And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
- [25] Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

#### Romans 8:28 (NIV)

[28] And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

## Psalm 103:8-14 (NIV)

- [8] The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
- [9] He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- [10] he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- [11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- [12] as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- [13] As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
- [14] for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.