

## **Isaiah 45:9 (NLT)**

What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?'

## **Isaiah 29:16 (NLT)**

How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, “He didn’t make me”? Does a jar ever say, “The potter who made me is stupid”?

## **Jeremiah 18:4-6 (NLT)**

But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD gave me this message:

<sup>6</sup> Oh Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay?

As the clay is in the potter's hand,  
so are you in my hand.

# **Object of MERCY**

**Romans 9:19-33**

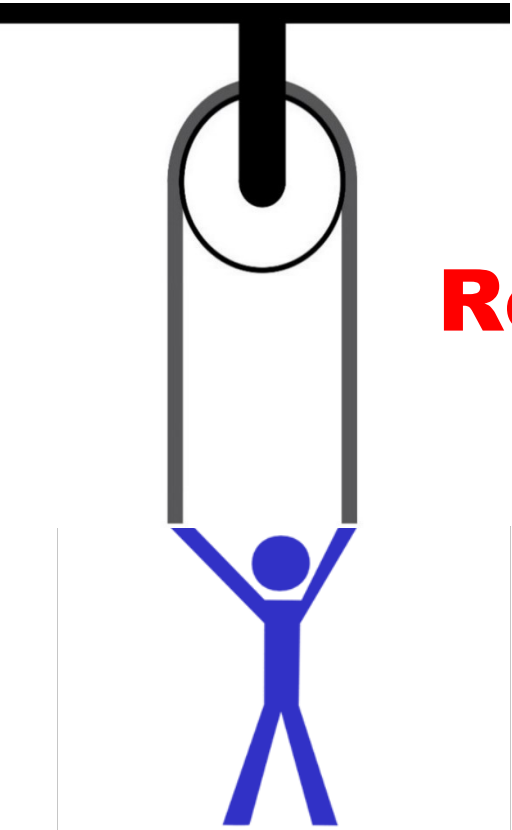
God **IS** Sovereign

**AND**

Man **IS** Responsible

This is the kind of God we worship:  
He is **Sovereign**; He is **NOT arbitrary**;  
in **ALL things HE** works for our good;  
He **IS** trustworthy; He will Save **ALL who**  
**BELIEVE in Him**. That is why we believe  
that His choices are good even if we  
don't understand all His reasons. FLSB

**Sovereignty  
of God**



**Responsibility  
of Man**



Romans 9:16-18 (HCS)

<sup>16</sup> So then it does not depend on human will or effort but on **God who shows mercy.**

<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture tells Pharaoh: I raised you up for this reason so that I may display

**My power in you and that My Name may be proclaimed in all the earth.** <sup>18</sup> So

then, He shows mercy to those He wants to, and He hardens those He wants to harden.



Isaiah 45:9 (NLT)

**What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator.** Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it...

Isaiah 29:16 (HCS)

**You have turned things around,**  
**AS IF the potter were the SAME as**  
**the clay.** How can what is made  
say about its maker, He didn't make  
me? How can what is formed say  
about the one who formed it, He  
doesn't understand what he's doing?

Jeremiah 18:4 (NLT)

But the jar he was making did not  
turn out as he had hoped, **so he**  
**crushed it into a lump of clay again**  
and started over...

## → Who Can **RESIST** God's WILL?

<sup>19</sup> ...Then why does God still blame us?

**For who resists His will?**

We may sincerely wonder just how much **freedom** we have to act within **God's Sovereignty**, but there is little doubt that **we use the freedom we do have to sin.** LAB

The lesson of **the Potter** points to **equal worth among lumps of clay**, while the **Potter's** purpose and design may differ. The **proper attitude for clay** is to be **pliable** rather than **stiff**, **receptive** rather than **rebellious**, and **grateful** for the potter's touch rather than **resentful** of the **Potter's** purpose for us. LAB

No one is treated unfairly: Some receive **the justice they earn and deserve,**

Rom. 6:23 (NIV) For the **wages of sin is death...**  
others **graciously receive mercy.**

...but the **GIFT of God** is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.

# Quotes from Hosea and Isaiah

## TEACH us that... LAB

- the **Gentiles** were **INCLUDED** in God's Redemptive plans
- only a **REMNANT** of **Believing Jews** will be Preserved
- It is **FAITH** not national origin that **Saves** us



**→ Not ONE Person has to Remain  
an OBJECT of WRATH**

<sup>22</sup> ...bore with great patience the **OBJECTS  
of His WRATH...**

<sup>23</sup> What if He did this to make the riches of  
His glory known to the **OBJECTS of His  
MERCY...**

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the **WAGES** of sin is death...

...but the **GIFT** of God is eternal life  
**IN Christ** Jesus our Lord.

Acts 16:31 (NIV)

...**BELIEVE** in the Lord Jesus, and you  
**WILL BE** saved...

John 5:24 (NIV)

I tell you the truth, whoever hears

**My Word** and **BELIEVES**

Him who sent **Me HAS eternal life**

and will not be **CONDEMNED**;

he has crossed over from

**DEATH** to **LIFE**.

**Christ is the one** whom God puts in  
everyone's path. People either  
**BUILD** on Him in faith or  
**STUMBLE** over Him to their ruin. Wiersbe

Instead of permitting their religious privileges to **lead them to Christ**, the Jewish people had used these privileges **as a substitute for Christ.** Wiersbe

1 Peter 2:6-7 (NIV)

For in Scripture it says: See, **I lay a stone**  
**in Zion**, a **chosen and precious**  
**cornerstone**,

...and the **one who TRUSTS in Him**  
**will never be put to shame**

<sup>7</sup> Now **to you who BELIEVE,**  
this **STONE** is **PRECIOUS.**

**But to those who do not believe...**

<sup>8</sup> **...a rock that makes them FALL...**



1 Corinthians 1:21-23 (NIV)

**...God was pleased** through the foolishness of what was preached **to save those who believe.** <sup>22</sup> **Jews** demand miraculous signs and **Greeks** look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but **we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews** and **foolishness to Gentiles...**

John 1:12 (NLT)

But to **ALL** who believed Him  
and accepted Him, **He gave the**  
**RIGHT**  
to become children of God.