

# The Potter And The Clay

## MEDIA SHOUT

*You turn things upside down,  
as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!  
Shall what is formed say to him who formed it,  
"He did not make me"?  
Can the pot say of the potter,  
"He knows nothing"?  
Isaiah 29:16*

Like it or not, God is the potter and we are the pot. He is the craftsman, and we are the clay that he works with. And ever since the fall, we have been confusing our role, and God's. We forget who we are, and just who God is. May this time of worship help to redirect us to the path of humility and awe and submission.

## Praise The Living God

### PRAYER

Blessing and honor, thanksgiving and praise more than we can utter be to you, most adorable Father, Son and Holy Ghost, by all angels, all men, all creatures, forever and ever.

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted and in Christ; To God the Son, who loved us, and used his own blood to wash away our sins; to God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts be all love and all glory for time. Amen.

Bishop Thomas Ken

When pondering God as the Potter, what better place to start than when it all began, and mankind was formed?

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*This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens - and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth*

*and watered the whole surface of the ground- the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.* *Genesis 2:4-7*

## **Indescribable Wonderful Maker**

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*"Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd (a shard of pottery) among the potsherds on the ground.*

*Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?'*

*Does your work say, 'He has no hands'? Woe to him who says to his father, 'What have you begotten?' or to his mother, 'What have you brought to birth?'*

*"This is what the LORD says - the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Concerning things to come, do you question me about my children, or give me orders about the work of my hands?*

*It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts. Isaiah 45:9-12*

Each of us has found ways to question the Potter. As clay, we are uneasy with the way he has constructed us, and the manner in which our lives are unfolding. The following words from Psalm 139 are intended to help us say back to God as clay, "You are the Master Potter, and we trust you that you know what you're doing.

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Lord, you created my inmost being....

**CONGREGATION:**

...you knit me together in my mother's womb...

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made....

**CONGREGATION:**

....your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place....

**CONGREGATION:**

...when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Your eyes saw my unformed body.

**CONGREGATION:**

All the days ordained for me were written in a book  
before one of them came to be.

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

How precious to me are your thoughts O God!

**CONGREGATION:**

How vast is the sum of them!

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**CONGREGATION:**

When I am awake, I am still with you...

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Search me O God, and know my heart....

**CONGREGATION:**

...test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

See if there is any offensive way in me...

**CONGREGATION:**

...and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:13-18;23,24

## **He Knows My Name**

### **OFFERING**

### **I Will Lift My Eyes**