

Jer 18:1-10. Intro: David Livingston = Sandy what can you do w/ a 11 yr old - "Don't know but going to find out."

- Verses reveal that D is working - active in affairs of man.
- Since we could not understand D's present business dealings - Go to Potter's house; reads my message

Israel asked this question: "What is D doing w/ us?"

Interp - Potter = D Wheel = history, circumstances
Clay = man

The Great Search

I - A Hand on History - Sovereign Power - "He turns the wheel of circumstance" - Rom 8:28 - D works

- 1- nations are like clay in Potter's hands.
 - 2- D does as pleases = <
- Behind all these movements today is D = manipulates & maneuvers events to shape his plan

Greater Discovery - D has a Plan for every life.

II - D has a Plan, Purpose for every life - Potter has a well vessel in mind - artist, builder = Eph 2:10

1- measuring that Purpose "as seemed good to the Potter" - Secret of Surrender

Clay must be soft <

2- man's wisdom lies in unconditional surrender to Potter = Clay = lies beneath wheel, no will of own.

3- Infinitesimal possibility in man = Clay is exactly what Potter must have. or crack of potential - D was key

4- nothing in man that is able to realize that Potential = as w/ the Clay <

III D's Plan can be hindered - "marred."

"In Potter's hand." 1- spoiled vessel = & how many could this be said?

2- not due to his lack of ability but to stubborn spot in Clay, foreign matter

only one thing keeps a man from being useful - his own stubbornness <