

## Notes on Romans 9 Message

WHY HAVE YOU MADE ME LIKE THIS?"

• 9:20-21 "Who are you, a mere human being to criticize God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who made it, "Why have you made me like this?" When a POTTER makes JARS out of clay, doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into?"

• **THE QUESTION IS -- Why did God make me and my life the way he did?**

God is the potter. We are like pots. Some people were formed with so much going for them – other people were made by God with a lack of endowments and opportunities that consign them to far humbler lives. From the human point of view, it doesn't seem like God was fair when he handed out parents, looks, brains, athletic abilities, healthy genes, race, nationality, opportunities, the potential for status, power, privilege, wealth, or dominance.

### **Some of God's ways and thoughts:**

(1) Though we are not created equal in endowments and opportunities, everyone has an equal ability to choose Christ and be saved and become a beautiful soul that is able enjoy God. Mother Teresa was not a greatly gifted person but she became a famous great soul. Howard Hughes was gifted in every way and ended up a recluse.

(2) God knows what it takes for each of us to be saved. What it takes to bring us to a broken and contrite heart, to desire Him and to know Him.

Certainly money is a trap. Jesus said that it is harder for a rich man to enter heaven than a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

(3) God values different things than the world.

Things such as character, kindness, and humility. To look and act like Jesus. *"For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."* Romans 8:29

• Isaiah 55:3, 8-9 "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. My thoughts are completely different from yours," says the LORD.