

Hello, folks, and welcome to “Fresh Perspectives” I am your host, Gene Habecker, President of Taylor University.

It has often been said that we are like clay on a potter’s wheel, and God is the potter who shapes us. But have you ever thought about what the potter does after he’s finished shaping the clay? He places the clay in a hot kiln to ensure his work will be well preserved.

Now, did you know that the potter doesn’t have to use the kiln? He can let it air-dry, but then he can never use the finished product. When the clay is left to air-dry, moisture becomes a threat because the clay can soak up any water that it comes in contact with. It will then lose its shape and make the potter’s effort in molding it a complete waste of time.

If you are ever wondering why God puts you through hard times, remember what James 1:2-4 has to say about the trials of life: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Like the clay without the fire, you won’t be a useable product unless you endure fire, too. Don’t let God’s hard work could go to waste the first time it rains on you.

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