

Thoughts on the Daily Word

17th Week of the Year. *Thursday 1st August. Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 145; Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53.*

We so often think of God as a fierce rule maker who is intent on making us do what he wants us to do and not what we want to do. And yet the world is full of choices and decisions. It is full of growth and development, some of which is knowable, and some is not. All of which leaves us with options and possibilities. That is part of the joy of life, we can make mistakes and change. The images that we are given today shouldn't necessarily leave us afraid of judgment and failure. Rather we are given possibilities, literally we can pull from our treasure's thing both new and old in order to create new things. Yes, choices have to be made, some things rejected, but rather than be paralysed with fear we are given a loving and gracious God, who, like the potter, works with us to make something beautiful. Judgment comes when we fail to listen and respond to those around us, in all their needs and dreams, and be open to the Creator God who constantly seeks new life.