

OLD HYMNS HAVE A MESSAGE

Acts 9:6

Introduction: When Saul, later to become Paul, began his life for the Lord, asked the question on the side of the road, "...*Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?*" If only more of us would ask that of the Lord more often for it was the expression of a surrendered heart to the complete sovereignty of the Lord Jesus. At the end of his earthly life Paul was aware that he had let the Lord have His way in his life.

(2 *Timothy 4:6-8*). Adelaide A. Pollard expressed the same sentiments as Paul did long ago, when he wrote a poetic prayer that was set to music and has been sung by tens of thousands of congregations through the years. Sing that grand old hymn "**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**"

Now, take a look at what you have just invited the Lord to do:

I. "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD, HAVE THINE OWN WAY" (Stanza 1)

1. "Mold me..." *Jeremiah 18:3*

2. "Make me..." *Jeremiah 18:4*

II. "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD, HAVE THINE OWN WAY" (Stanza 2)

1. "Search me and try me..." *Psalms 139:23-24*

2. "Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now..." *Isaiah 1:18*

III. "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD, HAVE THINE OWN WAY" (Stanza 3)

1. "Wounded and weary, help me, I pray..." *Luke 4:18*

2. "Touch me and heal me..." *Mark 1:40-41*

IV. "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD, HAVE THINE OWN WAY" (Stanza 4)

1. "Hold o'er my being absolute sway..." *Philippians 2:9-11*

2. "Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see, Christ only, always, living in me..." *Galatians 5:22-24*

CONCLUSION:

1. When the vessel was marred in the hand of the potter, Jeremiah saw him crush it and make "another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make it." (*Jeremiah 18:4*)

2. We sing these grand old hymns without ever really paying attention to the words coming out of our mouths. Do we realize what we are saying to the Lord when we sing this hymn? Are you willing to sing this hymn again and mean what you are saying?

