

## **Craig Smith**

# **"Sculptor Of My Heart"**

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Psalm 25:4

Search with holy eyes

This vessel in Your hands

Sift and purify

By the standards You demand

Sculptor of my heart

Cast and forge my mind

With a quest for purity

And as the poet weaves his line

Compose You melody

Chorus

Please make of me

Your Kingdom's art

May You be pleased

Sculptor of my heart

You have fashioned perfectly

Your image in the Son

Shape and pattern within me

To be the paragon

Sculptor of my heart

Hew away those places

Which cause blemish to the whole

As the only skillful Master

Engrave Your name upon my soul

Chorus

You create from a heart of stone

A vessel of honor that You call

Your own, Your own

Chorus

The desire of the Father is that we be conformed to the image of His Son.

May we have the boldness and wisdom to come before the Lord and prayfully

request He mold us into that which is pleasing and productive to His

Kingdom, at whatever the cost to us personally.

There are at least two qualities found in a master-craftsman in relation to

his work. One is the constant striving for perfection in his art. Patiently

exerting all his abilities to create a beautiful,

expressive, and seemingly  
flawless place. Secondly, being able to apply his entire  
imagination to  
visualizing the completed art form, even prior to  
picking up his first  
sculpting tool.  
After mentally fixing what the completed form will look  
like, he then begins  
to hammer and chisel away those unsightly chunks and  
pieces which would  
distort the final image. He will labor diligently until that  
which was once  
only a mental image cast upon formless material, has  
been transformed into  
a timeless work of art.  
Through the laborious and skillful process of the artist,  
material which  
once had little worth is converted into an object of  
great value.  
In similar manner, we come to Christ as objects of little  
value, and  
certainly no value when considered in relation to the  
Kingdom of God. As we  
are convicted of our sin, ask forgiveness and repent of  
our sin, He becomes  
our Saviour and His Lordship then moves into every  
aspect of our life. As  
we stand before Him, in His grace, as mere babes in  
Christ, He not only sees  
our present immature state, but He also supernaturally  
sees the finished  
products.  
Because of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, we  
have moved from a  
position of worthlessness to God, to a secured position  
of great potential  
and eternal value to God. He takes "...from a heart of  
stone," and through  
the work of the Holy Spirit makes "a vessel of honor."  
The gift of salvation is made available to each of us  
only to the extent  
that we each are willing to respond in obedience to His  
invitation. Upon  
accepting His terms to that free gift, we then become a  
child of the King.  
This is the foundation we are established on, and can  
reason from God's  
Word, that we should continue to build on. It is the  
process of tearing down  
the fleshly man, and building up the spiritual man  
"...put on the new self

(man) who is being renewed to a true knowledge  
according to the image of the  
One who created him." (Col. 3:10) The Lord did not  
intend for us to remain as  
"babes," in fact we are instructed to "long for the pure  
milk of the Word,  
that by it (we) may grow in respect to salvation." (I Peter  
2:2) "...grow  
(increase) in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and  
Saviour Jesus Christ."  
(II Peter 3:18) It should be our desire, goal, and prayer  
that the Father  
would remove, hammer and chisel, away any material  
which does not conform  
to the image of His Son.  
He reveals those thing in our live which are unpleasing  
in His sight, and we  
respond in obedience so they do not hinder the final  
result.  
We submit to Him because He has loved us enough to  
give us life through His  
Son. We were created to bring glory to God, to be  
pleasing in His sight.  
That is our destiny. We are the clay in the potter's hand.  
We are material  
being constructed into living objects which are pleasing  
and bring  
satisfaction to the Father. God is not just wise, He is the  
source of true  
"Wisdom." As vessels, then, let us not worry but have  
complete trust in Him  
and His wisdom that He will chip away only those  
unnecessary and unsightly  
pieces.  
As we are in submission and obedience to Him, the end  
result will be a living  
work of art, worthy of the King's chambers.--Craig  
Smith  
We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer  
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We praise Thee, O God our Redeemer, Creator  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring  
We lay it before Thee  
We kneel and adore Thee  
We bless Thy Holy Name, glad praises we sing

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