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How we need to see the nations as God does, remembering that the God of Heaven rules over all the kingdoms of the heathen (*2 Chron. 20:6*). He's in total control. To Him the nations are as a drop of a bucket and as the small dust of the balances (*Isa. 40:15*). If a drop of water falls from a bucket or we fail to remove some dust from the scale as we weigh ourselves, who cares? It is totally insignificant, and so are the nations to God. Before God, the nations are as nothing, indeed, they are less than nothing (*Isa. 40:17*). How can something be less than nothing? Not only are the nations nothing, but they are worse than nothing because they are sinful. It's one thing to be nothing; it's even worse to be a sinful nothing!

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