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Thought For the Day

***Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;
they are regarded as dust on the scales;
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.
Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.
Before him all the nations are as nothing;
they are regarded by him as worthless
and less than nothing.***

Isaiah 40:15-17

To read a daily newspaper or to watch a news program on television can at times be a very unsettling experience – particularly on the international front. There are a host of nations that seem determined to cause problems. Rogue groups in Iraq, a resurgent Taliban in Afghanistan, Iran showing off its military strength, Israel threatening an attack, a despot in North Korea, and unfriendly nations seemingly bent on the world's economic destruction. One wonders sometimes where all of this is going to end. And as individuals we feel helpless because we are not in positions of power and authority to do the things that might make for change.

Or is that true?

Let's start off with who is really in charge. Who really rules over the nations of the earth? Before whom are all nations as nothing? Who is the one to whom all nations must answer and without whose permission can no nation act? And if that be true, who is able to come boldly unto the throne of grace and lift a voice of prayer and concern? Who has the right and privilege to intercede on behalf of world affairs? Who is to accomplish more in their private conversations with God than this world can ever dream of?

Consider how you and I might change the destiny of nations if we should unite our prayers and seek that God's justice rule, and His righteousness flourish, and His peace prevail.

Our father in heaven, may your name be made holy among the nations, including our own, and may your kingdom come and your will be done. Amen.