

A Drop in a Bucket

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes the insignificance of human endeavors and the vastness of God's greatness, which is beyond human comprehension.

Scripture: Psalm 73:26, Isaiah 40:15, Lamentations 3:24, Matthew 6:19-21, Romans 8:18, 1 Corinthians 2:9, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:2, Hebrews 11:16

Topics: "Eternal Perspective", "God's Greatness"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the insignificance of worldly possessions and nations in comparison to the greatness of God, illustrating that all earthly achievements are merely drops in a bucket when weighed against the divine portion that belongs to believers. He uses the analogy of Alcibiades and Socrates to highlight the futility of pride in material wealth, reminding us that even the most expansive lands are but tiny specks in the grand scheme of creation. Brooks encourages the congregation to grasp the immeasurable value of their relationship with God, which far surpasses any earthly treasure, and to find hope and fulfillment in Him alone.

Transcript

"The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore

I will hope in Him." Lamentations 3:24

"Look, the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are considered as a speck of dust on the scales; He lifts up the islands like fine dust." Isaiah 40:15

All nations are but as a drop in a bucket, that may in a moment be wiped off with a finger--in comparison of God, nay, they are all nothing; but that word is too high, for they are less than nothing. Had a man as many worlds at his command as there are men on earth, or angels in heaven,

yet they would be but as so many drops, or as so many atoms--compared to a saint's portion!

When Alcibiades was proudly boasting of his spacious lands, Socrates wittily rebukes his pride by bringing him a map of the world, and wishing him to show him where his lands did lie; his lands would hardly amount to more than the prick of a pin. England, Scotland, and Ireland are but three little spots compared to the vast continents which are in other parts of the world; and what then is your palace, your lordships, your manors, your farm, your house, your cottage--but a little speck --but a prick of a pin--compared to God, who is so great, so vast a portion!

Oh, sirs! if you had the understanding of all the angels in heaven, and the tongues of all the men on earth, yet you would not be able to conceive, express, or set forth the greatness and largeness of a saint's portion.

Can you count the stars of heaven, or number the sands of the sea, or stop the sun in his course, or make a new world? Then, and not until then, will you be able to declare what a great, what an immense portion God is. If "no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him", oh how much less, then, are they able to declare the great things that God has laid up for His people in the eternal world!

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