

# The Eye of Their God Was Upon

by F.B. Meyer

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*The sermon emphasizes the comforting thought of God's watchful eye and care in times of opposition, encouraging listeners to look to Jesus and remember His presence in their lives.*

**Scripture:** Ezra 5:5, Psalm 34:15, Psalm 121:8, Psalm 139:1-3, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, John 10:14, Romans 8:31, Hebrews 13:5, 1 Peter 3:12

**Topics:** "Faith in Adversity", "God's Protection"

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## Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the comforting truth that God's watchful eye is upon His people, particularly in times of opposition and hardship, as illustrated by the Jews during their temple-building efforts. He reassures believers that despite facing hatred and challenges, they should focus on Jesus rather than their adversaries, trusting in His protective presence. Meyer draws on the Psalmist's assurance that the Lord's eyes are on the righteous, encouraging believers to remain steadfast in their work for God, knowing that He is intimately aware of their struggles and circumstances.

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## Transcript

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the elders of the Jews. Ezra v. 5.

IT was a delightful thought amid obloquy and opposition, like that which the Jews were at this moment encountering, to know that God was watching them with jealous care. We are reminded of the words of the Psalmist, quoted and authenticated by the Apostle Peter, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." And he goes on to argue, "Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" The Jews certainly found it so; for the efforts of their enemies to induce them to desist from their work of temple-building were rendered nugatory and ineffectual by the special care exercised over them by their Almighty Friend.

It may be that you will have to encounter hatred and opposition in doing God's work; but be sure not to look at these things, but steadfastly to Jesus. Must you not watch the foe? No; you could not make a greater mistake. You must look away to the face of Jesus, and you will find that He, like a good shepherd, is looking carefully and lovingly down on you, and watching the stealthy movements of your foe. Even when we are not directly conscious of that watchful eye, it still follows us. He knoweth the way that you

take; and He is acquainted with the varied circumstances of your life. He has pledged Himself to be with you for ever; as Wordsworth once said of his beloved daughter Dora : &#8209;&#8209;

"Dear child, fair child, that walkest with me here,  
Though thou appear untouched by solemn thought,  
Thy nature is not therefore less divine;  
Thou liest in Abraham's bosom all the year,  
Thou worshippest at the temple's inner shrine,  
God being with thee when thou knowest not."

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