

# The Fresh Eye

by John Henry Jowett

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*To live a life of compassion, we must cultivate a freshness of sight and seek to see the needs of others with a newly-awakened interest.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:10, Lamentations 3:22, Matthew 9:36, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:23

**Topics:** "Compassion", "Spiritual Renewal"

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## Description

John Henry Jowett emphasizes the importance of maintaining a fresh perspective in showing compassion, drawing from Lamentations 3:22-33. He highlights how God's compassions are new every morning because He never grows accustomed to our needs, always seeing them with fresh eyes. Jowett urges the congregation to seek discerning eyes from the Lord to prevent becoming desensitized to the needs around them, ensuring that their sympathies never fail and their compassion remains strong.

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## Transcript

"\_His compassions fail not: they are new every morning.\_"

--LAMENTATIONS iii. 22-33.

We have not to live on yesterday's manna; we can gather it fresh to-day.

Compassion becomes stale when it becomes thoughtless. It is new thought

that keeps our pity strong. If our perception of need can remain vivid, as

vivid as though we had never seen it before, our sympathies will never

fail. The fresh eye insures the sensitive heart. And our God's compassions

are so new because He never becomes accustomed to our need. He always sees

it with an eye that is never dulled by the commonplace; He never becomes

blind with much seeing! We can look at a thing so often that we cease to

see it. God always sees a thing as though He were seeing it for the first

time. "Thou, God, seest me," and "His compassions fail not."

And if my compassions are to be like a river that never knows drought, I must cultivate a freshness of sight. The horrible can lose its horrors. The daily tragedy can become the daily commonplace. My neighbour's needs can become as familiar as my furniture, and I may never see either the one or the other. And therefore must I ask the Lord for the daily gift of discerning eyes. "Lord, that I may receive my sight." And with an always newly-awakened interest may I reveal "the compassions of the Lord!"

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