

Why keep trusting?

Isaiah 30

- Isaiah 30 comes as an encouragement to keep on trusting even when life is falling apart
- 1. People fail when they trust in themselves v1-17**
 - Israel's temptation was to rely on others for help v1-7, or on her wisdom v8-14, or her strength/abilities v15-17
 - The outcome would be nothing short of disaster v5,7,13,14,17
 - Why trust God? The only alternative is disaster and devastation.
 - 2. God is Gracious v18-19**
 - The alternative is to depend on a God who loves to give
 - Word used v18 'gracious' = undeserved love
 - He longs to show kindness to us that we don't deserve
 - 3. God hears and answers us v19**
 - God shows his graciousness in answering your cry for help
 - Whatever is causing us to lose hope, God will give reason for us not to weep v19
 - 4. God brings difficulty for our good v20**
 - Part of God's answer was trouble! v20
 - Often our goal is ease; God's is closeness to him
 - God had brought trouble to bring the people back close to him
 - 'Although' reminds us that the difficulties are only temporary.
 - 5. God Guides us v20-21**
 - He guides - a picture of detailed intimate care, instructing, teaching, recalling the people when they go astray.
 - 6. God Changes us v22**
 - The Israelites were hopeless – always the same problem: idolatry, putting something in place of God
 - We find ourselves drawn to the same old sins, we can't seem to escape.
 - But here is hope. Those who trust God are enabled to change.
 - 7. God Blesses us v23-26**
 - We are under siege now, but the day is coming when complete freedom will reign
 - Those who trust God know his intimate care v26
 - 8. God is Coming for us v27-33**
 - Coming in judgment – a terrifying picture
 - Destruction for the enemies – v31
 - Delight for the people of God – v29
- Conclusion - Jesus Christ is the guarantee of each of Isaiah's 8 reasons to keep on trusting God. We have ample reason to trust.

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Notices

Sab	Evening Service at Milford Sermon on Isaiah 40	8pm
Wed	Bible Study at Church Study 13 I Corinthians	8pm

Next Sabbath - Who is the Holy Spirit? - John 14

Opening Psalm: 96B:4-6

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