

Trusting a stranger

Would you trust a stranger?

Maybe. Maybe not. Of course it depends on the circumstances, doesn't it.

Well, there is one person in whom we should trust – even though, to many of us, He is a complete stranger – and that person is Jesus, God's Son.

It seems hard to believe that, in the lives of many people, He is a complete stranger.

Notice, first, that millions of people around the world can say with confidence that He is more trustworthy than any other person they have ever met. This is because His promise – “whoever comes to me I will never drive away”. John 6.37 (NIV) – has never been dishonoured.

Second, because He understands our natural hesitancy to put trust in a stranger, Jesus promises a special blessing to help us overcome our reluctance.

He says, “Blessed are those who have not seen (me) and yet have believed.” John 20.29.

Third, normally no one orders us to trust a stranger. But God makes the following exception – “this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus” 1 John 3.23.

Why this command? Because we are no strangers to God – He knows all about us – and He knows we need to trust His Son.

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“God blesses those who obey Him; happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord” Proverbs 16.20 (Living Bible)

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