

Kei te karaipeture te tohutohu tika o te turanga tangata. Mehemea e whakapono ana te tangata, ka mau tonu ia mana ake nga kupu a te Ariki, ka ora ia ake tonu atu; a ma he whakarere ia i aua kupu ka ngaro tonu atu ia ake tonu atu. "Kihai hoki ahua i haere mai ki te karanga i te hunga tika, engari i te hunga he" (Matiu 9, 13). Kia marama hoki ki tenei kupu, "*te hunga he*" kahore he kupu kotahi i runga i te tikanga o te hunga *he rawa* ahakoa ka pera te korero o te tokomaha. Ka rere ke tera kupu i ta te Atua kupu, hoki ano Tana i tuhituhi ai, "Kahore hoki he pokanga ketanga. Kua hara katoa hoki, kahore e taea e ratou te kororia o te Atua."—Roma 3, 22-23.

Na, ko te tino manakohanga ki tenei te timatanga o te whiwhinga o te whakapainga. He maumau noa iho te mahi o te hunga tokomaha ki te rapu te tikanga o tenei o tera rangi o te karaipeture tae noa ki te mutunga o te ratou noho ki te ao nei. Engari ra me timata e koe ki te timatanga o te Atua tikanga. Na, he tino kupu tenei naku ki a koe; kahore koe e mohio ana he tangata hara koe, he tangata hara kaha kore, he tangata Atua kore hoki (Roma 5, 6-8), tera hoki he tangata hara kei te ngaro. "I haere mai hoki te Tama a te tangata ki te rapu ki te whakaora i te mea i ngaro."—Ruka 19, 10.

A, i a koe e korero ana i tenei korero e hiahia ana te Atua ki te whakapai to wairua, ina nei Tana kupu noi ki a koe. Ae ra, ko koe tonu! Ehara i te mea ko to hoa he tata nei ki a koe, to whanaunga ranei; kahore, engari ko koe tonu!

Engari ra, ka whenei pea to whakaora, koia nei ka titiro mai te Atua o te kororia ki ahua ki te rapu he tikanga pai moku mo tenei wa mo tera wa hoki, mo te wa mutunga kore? Ko ahua ra te tangata kino rawa i nga mea katoa. Taku mahi he mahi kau ana maku i nga ra katoa i ora nei ahau, he tika hoki tenei i hiahia rawatia ahau ki te pana iho te Atua i ahua me taua whakaaro tonu ka tutaki maua ko te Atua amuri. Kanui toku wehi kei mohio nga tangata ki taku i wehi ai. Na whakarunga rapa koe ki te kupu o te Atua, ko te huarahi tera o te whakapono, "Ina, na te rongu

sinner to repentance" (Matt. 9, 13). "*Sinner*" mind, without any word about being great sinners, as we so often hear said, quite contrary to God's word, where you will find written, "There is no difference, for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—Romans 3, 22-23.

Now a really hearty acceptance of this is the first step in blessing. For the unsaved to occupy time in wanting to know the meaning of this verse and that verse, and so on right through a lifetime, as is so constantly done, is the utmost folly. You must begin with God's first step. Don't you know this I press that you are a *sinner*, more, a *sinner without strength and ungodly* (Romans 5, 6-8), and further still a *lost sinner*, "for the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19, 10.

As you read God is seeking your soul's good through these very words of His, yes yours! not your neighbour's, or your relatives', but yours!

"Can it be the God of glory is so concerned about the present and eternal joy of such as I do I hear you say? why I am everything that is bad. I never did anything but gratify my own wishes all my life, and in fact, if I must tell the truth, I have tried hard to shut God, and the truth of meeting him out of all my thoughts, but I am not happy after all my efforts. I am at times terribly uneasy when I hear of death, especially if it is sudden. I shudder at the thought that my time will one day surely come, although I do all I can to hide and keep it from being known to anybody." Now listen attentively and hear God speak, for this is how faith comes, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."—Romans 10, 17.

I point you to the passage before quoted in Luke 19, "He came to *seek* and to *save*."

He seeks you by many means and this little paper is one. The next thing is he would save you. How? does your poor heart tired of yourself ask? Not by anything that you can do, be it ever so good in man's eyes, but just by faith accepting with thanksgiving what is written that Christ has done, viz.:

"Christ died for our sins according to the