


kore e taea hoki ia ki te korero teka. Whakarongo rapua e koe ki ana kupu. E kore hoki koe e mohio ana ko te aha ka puta mai i roto i te ra, waiho ana korero i te tuatahi hei tohu ki toa.

"Nana, tenei te wa mana-kohanga mai; nana, tenei te wa o te whakaoranga."—2 Koriniti-6, 2.

### KEI WAHO KE TE TOHU.

HE KUPU KI TE HUNGA AWANGAWANGA.

 UE, me i mohio ahau kua whiwhi ahau te oranga tonutanga!"

"Tera, ki te mohio ka ngaro rawa koe?"

"Ae ra, e mohio rawa ahau ki toa, engari e kore ahau e kite ana te huarahi hei oranga moku. E inoi ana ahau, e whakamatautau ana hoki ahau ki nga mahi pai oira kahore ano i pangia te mohiotanga o te orangatanga ki ahau. Kahore ahau e tino mohio ka ora ranei ahau kahore ranei."

"Maku pea ka korero atu ki a koe te take o te awangawanga. E rapu ana koe te rangimarie ki te takiwa ke. E rapu ana koe i taua mea ki roto i a koe, ki roto i o whakaro, o mohiotanga, aha ranei; oira me rapu e koe i waho i a koe, ki te tohu i homai te Atua pai ki a koe."

"Tena, titiro ki tona aroha, oia he patae tenei naku ki a koe i te tuatahi: e mohio ana ranei koe he tangata he rawa i a koe ki te ao nei?"

"Kau, kahore ahau e mohio ake. E mohio ana ahau ki tenei, kua whakakitea nuitia te he o tetahi i taku, oira e mohio rawa ahau te he o toku ngakau, engari to ratou ngakau e kore ahau e mohio ana pewhea te he ranei pewhea ranei. Tena ko tenei, ka taea e ahau te penei, e kore ahau e mohio ana he tangata kino rawa i ahau."

"Ka tika tena. He patae tenei naku. E mohio ana ranei koe tetahi ki te rangi he pai atu i te mea tapu, te mea whakapai, te mea mutunga kore ko te Tama o te Atua?"

"Kahore, kore rawa atu."

"Tena koa, titiro koe ki te aroha o te Atua. I runga i tona aroha atu ki a koe, te mea *kino rawa* o te ao nei i homai ia i Tana Tama te mea *pai rawa* o te rangi ki te tiaki i

"Take His love, for instance, and look at it in this light. But first let me ask you: Do you know a worse creature on the earth than yourself?"

"No, I do not. I know I have not gone to the excess which some have in open wickedness; but I know my own heart, and I do not know any other. So I can safely say I do not know any one worse than myself."

"Very good. Now let me ask: Do you know any one in heaven better than the holy, blest, eternal Son of God?"

"No; surely not."

"Then look at God's love. He so loved you, the *worst* upon earth, that He gave His Son, the *best* in heaven, to save you from going to hell, and bring you to Himself."

"Now, has He not proved His love to you? Yea, in the most wonderful way possible. But remember this, the proof He loves you is not in *yourself*, but lies *outside yourself*, in the fact that He gave His Son for you eighteen hundred years ago. You see God does not wait to see some goodness in you, and then express His love to you because of your goodness. Ah, no! But He expresses His love in this way: 'When we were yet *sinners* Christ died for us.'—Rom. v. 8. He died for you when there was no goodness in you, nothing lovable about you; and it is the knowledge of His wondrous love to you that will break your heart, and cause love to flow *from* you. 'We love Him because He first loved us.'—John iv. 19."

"Oh, I see I am all wrong; I have been looking within for love to God, instead of looking *out* at God's love to me."

"Exactly. It is just where many anxious souls stumble and make a mistake: but we will go on. You see the proof of His love to you is the giving His Son; and that is outside yourself. Now about your sins."

"Ah, that is the point I am so anxious about just now. I want the assurance my sins are forgiven, and my soul saved."

"Well we will look at that too. You say you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?"

"I do indeed."

"Then I read in 1 Peter ii. 24, 'Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree.' Now can you put yourself in.