

ki te rangi?"

"E hiahia ana."

"Me pawhea ka taea o koe ki te haere ki reira?"

"Inoi atu ki te Atua."

"Engari ra he aha te tohu kua rite ai to inoi?"

Kahore he whakahoki kupu ki tera patas.

"Kowai e kore e taea ki te haere atu ki te rangi?"

"Ko te hunga teka, te hunga whakapono kore ki te Atua."

"Tena, e kore tatou i te pera? E mohio rawa ahau i pera taku mahi, ko toku ngakau hoki he ngakau kino rawa; tena, i rongo ranei koe te ingoa o tetahi tangata hara kore i noho nei ki te ao nei?"

"Kahore."

"Ka haere ranei tetahi tangata ki te rangi?"

"Ka haere."

"Koia ra, tera nei he huarahi ke atu i tau i whaki nei. Tena, ko tehea nga tamariki e aroha ana na te Atua?"

"Nga tamariki pai."

"Ka tika rawa tera. E aroha ana te Atua ki nga mea papai katoa. Tera, keihea nga tamariki pai?"

"Ko era pea nga tamariki pai e ata noho ki te kai, ahakao e tino hiahia ana ratou ki te kai a to ratou tuakana? Koia pea ko era nei nga tamariki e kaha ana ki te waiata pai i nga himene e whakahuhi ana hoki ratou kinga kupu whakapai. Koia pea ko era nga tamariki pai ki te Atua titiro kua huaina nei ratou i o ratou matua ratou nga hoa aroha he tamariki pai? Kore rawa, kore rawa, atu. Ta te Atua kupu tenoi, Kahore he tangata tika, kahore kia kotahi (Roma 3, 10, 12). E pai atu te tamariki ata noho, atawhai, whakarongo kupu i to te tamariki tutu, riri, ringa maro; engari ra e kore e ora te wairua i aua mea; ahakoa he maha nga inoi, he nui te matauranga, te whakaronga ki te kupu a nga matua, a he totohe ki te aroha atu ki te Atua e kore e rite te wairua i aua mea ki te haere atu ki te moengaroa. Ahakoa nei e pai ana te Atua ki nga mea papai katoa ka korero atu ahau ki a koe he mea ke—

"Ki to mohio e aroha ana te Atua ki nga tangata kino?"

so displeased at their badness that when Jesus, His own Son, lay under it, having taken in grace and love their sins upon himself, He could not look upon Him; it was so hateful to Him that He could not spare the meek and lowly Jesus.

"God was so angry at our badness that Jesus had to cry, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken Me?' (Matthew 27, 46). But He so loved bad boys and bad girls that He gave Him to die for us. You know that if He had wished to destroy us He never would have sent some other one; but He wished to destroy our badness, to put away our sin, because He loved us and wished us to be with Himself in His own family. Now, don't you feel that you have a naughty heart?"

"Yes."

"Well, Jesus died for people that have naughty hearts, and we have just to put Jesus instead of us, and believe that God is quite willing to look at Jesus for us, and is satisfied with Him in our place. This is the good news that the Bible tells. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'—John 3, 16.

"God has said, you, written it, that 'Whosoever believeth . . . should not perish.' 'Whosoever' takes in you, does it not? Then 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.'—Acts 16, 31. Then God loves bad people, and Jesus died for bad people, for bad men and women, boys and girls. He loves us, but hates our sins. It was a *bad* world God loved, and a *bad* world Christ came to save—to save all who will believe on Him."

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matt. xii, 28.