

te teteatanga o nga niho—Matu 22, 13. Ka pera ano te mutunga iho ki to hunga katoa o okioki atu ana ki to ratou pai me to ratou tika—tera ratou e maka atu ki te ahi ka tonu.

Mehemea aua tangata eke i whakama-harautua kia tatari ki te ngaromanga atu o te kaupuke i ia ra i ia ra, kahore te nuinga kia whakapau i to ratou wa ko te whaka-ahuareka; ko to ratou ora te mea nui e whakaarohia nei o ratou.

E whakaatu ana te kupu a te Atua tera nga tangata poke e maka atu ki te mamae mutunga-kore; ahakoa tena, he tokomaha rawa nga tangata me nga wahine kahore rawa nei e ui mai ki a ratou ake, tera ranei e noho tonu ratou i te roto ahi kahore ranei.

Kotahi ano te poauau ko nga tangata e mahara atu ana ki nga mea rekareka o te wa nei, kahore nei a ratou whakaaro ki te wa mutunga kore e hae ana. He tino wairangi te mahi pera. Kua mahue i taua hunga to ratou tino painga me nga mea kahore o ratou painga.

Meake tata e whakakitea mai "a te Karaiti ihu i runga i te rangi i roto i te mura ahi e rapu atu ana i te hunga kahore e matau ki te Atua, kahore nei hoki e ugo-hengohe ki te rongo pai o te tatou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti; te utu hoki e whakapangia ki a ratou he whakangaromanga, he men mutunga-kore i to aroaro ano o te Ariki." 2 Teharoniika 1, 7-9.

Ko wai nga hoa o te Karaiti ki taua ra? Ko te hunga tapu anake, ara, ko nga tangata kua horoia uoi o rotou poke me o ratou hara.

Na, he ki tenoi ma tetahi; he whakapono ta matou katoa ki nga toto o te Karaiti. Kahore. E uru ana tangata i horoia nei, ki nga whakaaro a te Atua ki nga hara. I whakakitea e te mate o te Karaiti to riri a te Atua ki to tutu me to he. Mehemea kahore tetahi tangata e whakarere i tonu he me tana tutu, kahore ana wahi i roto i a ia, ahakoa ka ki atu ia, ko Ihu tana i whaka-whiriaki atu ai.—Korocotia Ihaiti 55, 6-7.

EHARA I NGA MAHI.

KORE rawa tetahi mea i marama atu i ta te Atua kupu, ara, ka ora matou

and that he deserves not to be cast away, is like the man that went to the marriage feast without the wedding garment. This man, we are told by the Lord, was cast out into the outer darkness, where there are weeping and gnashing of teeth—Matthew 22, 13. Such shall be the end of all that rely on their own good qualities for acceptance with God.

If the passengers of this ill-fated vessel had been warned that such a catastrophe might be expected, they would surely have been too anxious to think of pleasures, they should have been occupied in thinking of their safety.

The sure word of "God that cannot lie" tells us that the wicked and the unclean shall be consigned to eternal torments. In despite of this solemn warning, multitudes of men and women never ask themselves the question, where their eternity shall be spent—in the lake of fire, or elsewhere.

What folly for men and women to think only of the enjoyment of this passing scene and never trouble themselves about eternity! Such conduct is real madness. Such people have given up their real good for things wherein are no profit.

Soon "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord" (2 Thessalonians 1, 7-9).

Who shall accompany Christ in that day? The saints only, that is, those whose sins and uncleanness have been washed away.

But some one may say, "We all believe in the blood of Christ." Those that are washed have God's thoughts about sin. God's abhorrence of sin and his indignation against it were displayed in the death of the Lord Jesus. Unless we forsake sin and evil, we have no part with him, though we may say Jesus is our confidence.

Read Isaiah 55, 6-7.

NOT OF WORKS.

NOTHING can be plainer in the Word of God than that we are saved apart