

whakatau te ngekau o ona tangata i konei e noho nei. E pehea ana te whakaaro ki a te Karaiti? Ko ia anake mo?

(KI NGA TAMARIKI.)

"I AROHA MAI NEI KI AU, I TOKU NEI I A IA MOKU."—KARATIA 2, 20.

 A ui atu he Karaitiana ki tetahi tamari-iti paku, "Ka pehea koe mehemea kua whakareera koe e to papa raua ko to whaea ka waiho noa koe ki te ao nei?"

Ka ki atu te tamaiti nei, "Ki to pera ta raua whakahaere ebara i te mea ko ahau anake, kao, ko Ihu ki ahau."

"Ka tika rawa koe, o tama. Muna e whakakaha koe ki to mau tonu taua whakawhirinakitanga ki a ia. Engari e aha te take ki te ki nei ka noho Ia ki a koe mehemea ka haere atu o hua?"

"Ko taku take tenei, e mea ana te Karaiti-peture ka mato te Karaiti moku, a mehemea ka pera Tana aroha mai ki ahau ki te haere mai i te rangi tae non ki konei kia mate ai moku, ka mohio rawa ahau ka tika kina ahau e Ia tae rawa ki te ra o Tana taeunga mai ki te kawo ahau ki Tana nohonga pai."

"Engari, o tama, tere pea ka mate koe kua tanumia hoki i mua i Tana taeunga mai, a me pehea koe ki tenei?"

"Mehemea ka mate ahau ka haere tika tonu toku wairua ki a Ihu, hei reira ko toku tinana anake to men ka waiho ki te urupa, a ki Tana taeunga mai ka whakaaarohina e Ia taua mea hoki ka whakaaahuatia e Ia toku tinana rite tonu ki Tona, hei reira kua whakakotahitia toku wairua raua ko toku tinana a ka noho ahau ki a Ia ake tonu atu."

I ahau e korero ana te korero i runga ake ra ka pangia enei Karaipeture ki toku hinengaro:—

"Because the Bible says that Jesus died for me, and if He loved me so much as to come all the way from heaven to die for me, I know He will take care of me until He comes to take me to His beautiful home?"

But, my dear child, you might die and be laid in the cold grave before Jesus comes, and what then?"

"If I were to die, my soul would go to Jesus at once, so it would only be my body that was laid in the ground, and when Jesus comes He would raise that up too, and change it like His own, and then both my body and my soul would be joined together, and I should be with Him for ever?"

In reading the foregoing the following beautiful scriptures came to my mind:—

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. —Psalm 27, 10.

He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things. —Romans 8, 32.

He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me (Hebrews 13, 5-6)

"Ki te whakareera ahau o toku papa e toku whaea, ko Ihowa hei tukunga atu moku.—Nga Waiata 27, 10.

Kihai nei i kaiponuhia e ia tana ake Tama, heoi tukua mai ana e ia mo tatou katoa, e kore ianei o tapiritia noatia e ia ki a ia nga mea katoa mo tatou? —Roma 8, 32.

Kua mea mai hoki ia, e kore ahau o whakarere i a koe, o kore ano hoki e mawhi atu i a koe. Na ka maia tatou ki te ki ake, hei toku taha te Ariki, e kore ahau e matakuri ta te tangata e mea ai ki au.—Nga Hiperu 13, 5-6.

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