

mo raua a muri atu.

I muri mai ka nui haere te tangata ki to ao, heoi, he kino kau ana te hunga. Kotahi te tangata tika i taua wa, ko Noa tona ingoa; he kaikauwhau i te tika hoki ia.

Na, ka whakarongo to hunga ki tana korero? Kore rawa, kore rawa atu. Katahi ka whakatika to Atua ki te whakangaromia te ao. Ka oti. Ka mate nga tangata katoa i te waipuke. Heoi, tokowaru koi te ora, ko Noa ratou ko ona whanauunga ki roto i te aka. Ka whakaaro te Atua ki a Noa ma. Ka whakuhokia te wai e te Atua, ka maroko te whenua, ka puta mai a noa ma i roto i te aka. "Na, ka manaakitia a Noa ratou ko ona tamairiki e ie Atua, a ka mea ia ki a ratou kia hua, kia tini koutou, kia kapi te whenua i a koutou." (Kenehi 9, 1.) He kupu tenei pera me ta te Atua kupu ki a Arama raua ko Iwe. Engarira, ka pehea te haere a Noa ma, he pai, he kino ranei? He kina rawa. Kihai ratou i whakarongo. Ka tini haere te tangata ki runga i te whenua, ka nui haere hoki te kino.

Katahi ka tangohia e te Atua he tangata mona i roto i nga iwi, ko Aperama tona ingoa. Na, ka manaakitia ia ratou ko ona uri e te Atua. Ka noho te Atua ki waengunui i te iwi, ka mata nga whakaariki katoa i a Ia. Na te Atua i kawe te iwi ki tetahi whenua pai hei kainga mo ratou. Ka ki atu te Atua ki a ratou, pera ka whakarongo koutou ki taku e mea ana ka noho tuturu koutou kahore e taetae o hoa riri ki a koutou. Tera atu te kupu. Otiira ka whakarongo ratou? Kahore rapa. Ahakoa ka tono te Atua nga poropiti ki ratou, ko Mohi. Ko Rohua, Ko Hamuera, Ko Ihiaia, ko wai ranei, ki te karanga atu ki a ratou, Tahuri ki te Atua, whakarongo koutou ki a Ia kia ora ai, E te hunga e mate wai ana haere mai ki ahau kia inu; me era atu korero, kihai ratou i whakarongo, kua nui haere o ratou kino. A kua pau katoa nga poropiti i te tonoa otiia kihai ratou i whakarongo, he taringa ture ratou. Katahi ka tono te Atua i tona tamaiti i mea ia ka hopohopo ratou ki taku tamaiti.

E hoa ma! Titiro ki a Ihu te tangata tapu, tika, koha kore, ara, ko te Tama a te Atua! Ko Ia hoki te kaikorero o te Atua, ina, te kupu i runga ake ra. "I enei ra

thought and imagination of the heart was only evil continually. There was then only one righteous man: his name was Noah, and he was a preacher of righteousness. Did the people listen to his preachings? No, certainly no. Then God determined to destroy the earth. Every living thing breathing on the earth was destroyed by a flood; There were only eight persons saved in the ark; these were Noah and his wife and family. God remembered Noah and his family and caused the waters to go off the earth; the land became dry and Noah and his family came forth out of the ark again. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." (Genesis 9, 1. This was, you see, a blessing like unto the blessing wherewith God blessed Adam and Eve. But with what result? Did Noah and his family fear God and walk according to His will? No! They too failed; and as man increased on the earth so wickedness increased also.

Then God separated for Himself a man from among the tribes; his name was Abraham. God blessed him; and his descendants. God dwelt in the midst of the people and destroyed their enemies on every side; God led them into a goodly land and established them there, and said to them, If ye will obey my words ye shall dwell here in safety, and none of your enemies shall prevail against you. There were also many other gracious promises which he made unto them. But did they hearken; did they obey? Again most certainly, No! Here too man failed. Notwithstanding God sent His prophets to them, whether a Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Isaiah, or whoever it might be saying unto them, Turn unto the Lord, hear and live. "Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy, and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." (Isaiah 55, 1.) Many other gracious promises and messages which He sent unto them, but they did not and would not hear, they departed farther and farther from God. Then God sent His Son, saying, they will reverence my Son. Mark 10, 11, 6.

Friends? Gaze upon Jesus, the sinless, spotless one—The Son of God. He is the