

Engari e te kai-kororo tera he aitia nui
nui rawa atu i te ahi ki te mania e rere
matakū ana mai inaianei. Ae ra. Tera te
haere mai. I rara! Kua puta mai te tohu.
He nui rawa atu nga tangata e haere ana ki
te takiwa matunga kore, e kore rawa rāfon
e kite ana te tohu, e kore ana rāfon. Ka
ki ratou, e kore e pa te mate ki a matou!
Engari ra ka pa ahakoa e pera ana te ki a
te tangata ra, kore rawa taua ahi iā weto
noa e tino rere ana mai ki a ratou. Ko taua
ahi ko tenei te ahi nui rawa te ahi matukū
nui o te riritanga a te Atua ki nga mea kīno
ki tona tapu, ariā ta te Atua riri ki te hara.
Kahore e tana ta te tangata mohio ki te
whakarere ko i taua aitia: ahakoa e mahi
ana te tangata i taua mahi; ka huna
ranei ia i roto i tana mahi tika hei kakahu
mona: kahore e ora ana ia: he mea hoki
era kia kaha rawa te ahi ki taua ra te ra hei
whakawakanga mo nga mea katoa ka
whakawakia e te ahi nui te riri tapu o te
Atua ora.

Engari ra tera te panui pai o tetahi
rerenga atu mo te tangata hei oranga mona
i taua wa o te riri e haere ana mai: he
rerenga atu e tika ana, e kaha ana hoki, he
rerenga atu kua hanga na te Atua. Eui
ana rānui koe, e aha hoki tera? Tena ko
tenei ko te Tama a te Atua. Kua tau te
riri a te Atua mo te hara ki runga i a Ia ko
te Karaiti i mate kua heke hoki ki te tororia
o te rangi. I te takiwa kua puta mai te riri
nui rawa atu ki te hanga Eua ka tau te
riri ki runga i te Kai-Reruhi. Aue te nui
o te whakawa! Aue te nui o te aroha!
Ka rite te nui o tetahi ki te nui o tetahi.
Katahi ka kaha te kupu, "Na kahore he
whakahe inaianei mo te hanga i roto i a
Karaiti Ihu."—Roma. 8, 1. Kere atu ki a
Ia. Kia mohio rawa koe na te Karaiti Ihu:
i waha te whakawa whakane kōi runga i te
ripeka. Ehara i te mea kua ake rite nga
mea katoa o te whakawa i te takiwa e
karangai a Ia "He mate wai toku." E toku
Atua, e toku Arua he aha kōi whakarere ai
i au?—Matin. 27, 46. Kua whakakitea te
pānga Atua i te mahi a te Karaiti i te mea kua
whakamā i a Ia i tana Tama i te mate. E
te tangata whai-hara kia tau te ngakau ki
reira ki te Tama a te Atua kua tau te
whakaho ki reira ko tenei hoki te rerenga atu

only safe place"—sheltering in a wounded
and smitten Christ, when all around is given
up to the flames.

Linger not, but "Believe on the Lord Jesus
Christ: and thou shalt be saved!"—Acts 16,
31.

(TO THE CHILDREN.)

HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS.

A FRIEND of mine had two sons. The eldest
boy was always offending, and the father
felt it his duty to punish him. This father
used to beat this son who was getting into trouble
every day, one day he had been doing something
amiss and the father said you must go to your room
and prepare for a caning. And to the astonishment
of the father when he went upstairs he found the
younger boy instead of the eldest was stripped and
he said to him, What makes you have your jacket
off? He said, Christ has been beat for me, and I
will be beat for my brother; Christ was beaten with
many stripes for us. The father thought to himself,
I will try and see whether it is genuine, so he said
to me, I took my stick and gave him one stroke
across the shoulders, and I never had such a stroke
myself in my life. Not a muscle upon his back
moved and I could hear him say as I struck him,
Christ was wounded for my transgressions and
bruised for my iniquities, and the chastisement of
my peace was laid upon Him and through His
stripes I am healed, and he said to his brother don't
weep, you are always being punished, I will be
punished for you to night; don't weep. The father
said, I broke the stick, and put my arm round the
little boy, and the eldest boy came and took the
little boy round his neck and there was a weal over
his shoulder; and the father added, my eldest boy
never offended me after that and it was through the
younger brother suffering for him that he became an
obedient child.

Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for
the unjust.

It was His love to you caused Him to bear what
was due to you for your sins, listen now to what
He tells us in His own Word—Romans 5, 8, 9.

"But God commendeth His love toward us in
that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

"Much more then, being now justified by His
blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

Believe in Him, and yours is everlasting life, see
too what he says in the 1st John 23, 24.

"But the hour cometh and now is when the true
worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and
in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.
God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must
worship Him in spirit and in truth."

May I ask dear reader are you in the position of
a true worshipper. If not oh see to it for God's
time is to day. Now is the accepted time. To-
morrow may be too late.

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