

Tauna, kua rere nei i Kaware, inana te kupu nei, "A e horoia ana o tatou haka o nga toto o Ihu Karaiti o tona Tauna."—I. Hoani 1.7.

*I haere mai ranei koe?*

"TANGOHIA."

"Kia tangohia noutia ano te wai ora e te tangata e hiahia ana."—Whakakitenga 22. 17.

*Ma wai e tango?*

"E te tangata e hiahia ana." Ko ia e hiahia ana. E te kai korero! E hiahia ana ranei koe ki te inu wai? Haere mai ra ki a Ihu. E rapu ana ranei koe te whakapunga? Kei a Ihu anake tera te homai nei, ina, ka tangohia ko ia ia. "Ki te mate wai tetahi, haere mai ia ia ki au inu ai,"—Hoani 7.37. Kahore tetahi i mahue noa i teni karanga nona. Kua pa ki te katoa. Ko ia te tino kai homai noa mai o te mea pai rawa atu i nga mea katoa kua kitea noa e te ao. A kahore koe e pai ki te tango?

*Me tangohia te aha?*

"Tangohia te wai ora." "Te wai e hoatu e ahau ki a ia, he puna wai i roto i a ia e pupu ake ana a te oranga tonutanga."—Hoani 4.24—"Ki te whakapono tetahi ki ahau—Ka rere mai nga awa wai ora i roto i tona kopu."—Hoani 7.38. Auana te pai o te mea i homai na. He nui noa atu. Te oranga tonutanga e pupu ake ana ki te whakawhetai atu ki te Atua, a ka rere atu loki ki te katoa.

*A me tangohia pehea?*

"Tangohia noutia." "Kaua he moni, kaua he utu." Kahore he mahi, kahore he utu mo tenei oranga tonutanga nui whakuharaha. Kahore nga tangato i whi rawa hei utu—Titiro ki a Ruka 7.42.—hei reira kahore te Atua e tono utu ana. Na taua Tama i whakaritea te utu nui i tana matenga i runga i te ripeka. Kia waiho tera hei tikanga mo te aroha noa. "Tangohia—Noutia."

*Na, kua tangohia e koe?*

Otiira, ki te kore tatou e titiro ana, ki te kore tatou e haere mai, ki te kore tatou a tangohia i tenei mea e riro wai mai! Me pehea a muri? Tena, ma te kupu o te Atua e utua i to patae. "Titiro mai, e te hunga whakabawae. ka miharo ai, a whakangaromia iho."—Nga mahi a nga apotora 13.41—Tera te ra kai te

price." Nothing to pay; nothing to do to procure this "so great salvation." God gives royally, freely, as a king. Man has nothing to pay with—Luke vii 42: so God demands nothing. His Son has paid in His death on the cross for that which He now so freely offers. "Take . . . freely."

HAVE YOU TAKEN?

*But what if we do not look, if we fail to come, if we will not take of this free gift? What then? Let God's Word answer: "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish." Acts xiii. 41 There is a day coming in which all must look, and behold the King in His majesty and beauty. All shall wonder in that glad day, when they shall see the once-rejected Nazarene the object of veneration for heaven, and earth, and hell; but, alas, some shall wonder and perish.*

Oh, reader, will it be so with you? Remember that God has declared: "The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Isa. xlv. 23. What a prospect for those who scorn Him now!

May you, dear reader, look to Jesus, come to Jesus, take from Jesus, and believe on Jesus, now in this day of grace; and thus doing, you shall receive all that God so freely offers.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

LET us suppose a vessel foundering at sea. We know the vessel to be exceedingly rotten, and so leaky that it is filling fast—that it must shortly go down. On shore the utmost effort is made. The life-boat, with capacity to hold every person on the sinking ship, is launched. The mariners pull alongside the rotten, sinking vessel. The captain of the life-boat begs every person on board immediately to let go the old rotten ship and trust himself in His hands in the life-boat, with the certainty of being brought safe to shore. The people on board resolutely refuse the invitation. One says, "The old vessel is not so bad; she only requires painting," &c. Another says, "Away with both you and your life-boat!"