

He tangata taua kaupuke pirau; kua hinga i te taimaha o te hara, a, o totohu haere atu ana ki te reinga. Ko Ihu Karaiti te poti whakaora. Na te nui o te Atua aroha i tonoa mai ai o ia taua poti, "Kia kahore ai e mate te tangata e whakapono ana ki a ia, engari kia whiwhi ai ki te oranga tonutanga." A i whakapono ranei te ao ki te Atua? Kahore pea; i tahuri ke atu i tona arohanoa, me tona whakaoranga. Kohurutia ana te Tama a te Atua. A ko taua matenga o Ihu, he whakahero Nona ake, hei utu mo o tatou hara; whakaarahia ake ana e te Atua i te mate, kia ai ia inaia nei hei poti whakaoranga mo nga tangata katoa whakawhirinaki ana ki a ia.

Tena e toku hoa tangata, kia ui ahanu ki a koe. Kei hea koe? Kei runga i te poti whakaoranga, kei te kaupuke tawhito ranei? Kei roto koe i a te Karaiti, kei te whakawhirinaki ranei koe ki nga mea memeha noa o te ao? *Kua whakaorangia rane koe?* E ahei ranei koe te mea "Nana nei na ona toto te utu whakaora waku, ara te murrunga o nga hara." (Korohe i., 14.; E noho tonu ana ranei i roto i taua hunga, na ratou nei i kohuru te Tama a te Atua? Tena pea koe kei te whakorekore ki enei mea. Kei te whakaki haere oti koe i te mehua o ou hara? E mohoi ana koe ka ki te kaupuke tawhito i te wai, ka paremo; a kia ki hoki te mehua o ou hara ka paremo a kia ki hoki te mehua o ou hara ka paremohoki koe ki te reinga; kntahi koe ka mahara, *na wai te he?*

Kei te whakapono pea koe ki nga ritenga anake o te karakia hei oranga mou. Ko nga peita kau ena; a, o totohu haere ana te kaupuke: ki te noho tonu koe i roto, ka paremo tahi koe me te peita ano i ou ringa. E hoa! kei ki koe ma te iiriranga, ma te hakarameta, ma au tini mahi ranei koe e whakaora. Aue! memeha ka mutu i kona tou whakapono.

Ka ki pea koe, he maha ra no nga whakaaro; ma te aha ka mohiotia ai te mea tika? Koia e tohu atu ana kia te Karaiti—ki te poti whakaoranga—te mea e tika ana a ko ia e to ana i a koe kia noho tonu ki te kaupuke tawhito, te mea e he ana. Tirohia tena! Memeha ka noho koe ki te whakaora i nga pakaru o te kaupuke tawhito ara o te ahua tawhito e kua nei e te Karaipiture *he kiko-kiko:* "kia mohio rawa koe, ki te kore ten

and whoever keeps you in the old ship, is wrong. Do you not see that?

Are you trying no matter how—to mend the old ship; that is, your fallen human nature, called in scripture "the flesh?" Then you may be quite certain, sooner or later, if you continue in that condition *you will*, as the old ship go down. Think where! Oh the bottomless pit and *who is to blame?*

Oh give up the vain attempt to mend the old ship. Own yourself a lost, undone, ruined sinner—believe the grace of God in sending you Christ the life-boat—trust Him with all your heart—confess Him with your lips and life. You cannot be in both. If you are in the old ship, no matter how self-righteous, you are sinking fast; there is not a moment to be lost. It is indeed great presumption for any one in the old ship to say he knows he is safe. But if you are in Christ, the life-boat, you cannot be too sure. He never did and never will lose one.

C.S.

(TO THE CHILDREN.)

## HIDE AND SEEK.

THESE are few boys and girls who do not know the pleasant game of "hide and seek." Most children, at any rate, have enjoyed the simple pastime.

I am not very old, and when children are at play, I almost forget that I am one of the grown-up folk, and frequently find myself mingling with the merry troop. Need I say that I have often played "hide and seek;" in woods, on heath, in gardens, farm-yards, houses, inland, and on the seashore; wherever there were young folks to be amused, and hiding places to be found, there sides were soon picked, and the sport speedily commenced.

Can you think of any "hide and seek" spoken of in the Bible? Not a game though it was a reality.

You will not have to turn over many leaves of the book of Genesis to discover an answer.

In the third chapter we may find mention of hiding and seeking; Hiding from God, and seeking by God. Sinners were hiding, and a Saviour-God was seeking.