

but as yet he knew not the joyful sound, consequently the following circumstance occurred:—His brother Laujii visited Tonga; there he heard respecting the *lotu*, or "religion," and that the sabbath day was a day of rest from worldly employments, and was to be kept sacred.

He returned to Habai intending to keep this the commandment of the Lord. His brother heard of his determination, and resolved to try him. The Sabbath-day arrived; Taufaaahu sent a message to Laujii to go and draw down his canoe to the sea, ready for sailing.

Laujii returned answer, that on any other day he should be most happy to attend to his brother's commands; but that he had learned at Tonga that this day was the Sabbath, and must be kept sacred; therefore he could not attend to it on this day.

This was enough for Taufaaahu: he felt himself insulted, not because his command was disobeyed, but because, contrary to Tongues' etiquette, his brother had dared to take the precedence of him in introducing some new thing. Accordingly he seized his club, and set off for his brother's house. As he entered Laujii made his exit in another direction. They ran! It was for life! Haste, thou who, half savage and half Christian, art seeking the protection of the gods, while daring to keep the commandment of the Lord! They near the "place of refuge." Laujii enters the sacred precincts. *He is saved.* He is under the protection of the gods. His brother's wrath rages; but he dares not enter to execute his murderous design.

The brothers knew not then that a sparrow falleth not to the ground without our heavenly Father's notice, and that it was the living and true God who saved Laujii; but so it was. The Lord spared him, that he might

live to declare the goodness of the Lord, (he is now a local preacher,) to bow with Taufaaahu at the throne of the heavenly grace, and to be folded in that brother's arms.

Taufaaahu, does not appear, while yet a heathen, to have had much respect for the priests, or much confidence in the gods:—which the following fact proves.

Wishing to take a voyage, he went to the priest, and asked a fine day and favourable breeze at a particular time. The priest said the god declared it should be even so. The specified day arrived, when, lo! the sea raged to that degree that the canoe could not be drawn down with safety, and the wind was contrary. Taufaaahu's anger was kindled: accordingly he went to the priest, gave him a good thrashing, and then defied him, or his gods, to injure him for his conduct.

After he had bowed the knee to Jehovah, but before he had been renewed in the spirit of his mind, upon one occasion he put on sackcloth, and, with some other young men, went to a spirit (or sacred) house, and presented some *kava* to the priestess, for the god. She became "inspired," and in her harangue gave him to understand she had a rod in pickle for him and his associates. His comrades arose, but Taufaaahu drew his *balafu* from concealment, and gave her such a blow as brought her to the ground. This terrified her attendants, and they fled in consternation; but no one had courage to avenge this insult upon her sacred person and the gods.

As the light of truth dawned upon his mind, he became more determined in his opposition to heathenism, so that not only the priests were afraid of him, but he openly insulted the gods. One day he was showing the missionary some of his houses, when, in a house which had been sacred, were noticed five wooden figures or gods,