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CHAPTER IV  
  
1. ‘‘ After these things I saw, and behold a door opened in  
heaven : and the first voice which I heard as of a trumpet talking  
  
with me, saying, ‘Come up hither, and I will show thee what must  
come to pass after these things.’ ”’  
  
WE now enter upon the third and last division of the  
book. With it a new dispensation opens ; the churches  
have passed for ever. It will be well to notice some  
of the prominent features of the new economy.  
It is one of Justice. Grace is the characteristic  
principle of the present dispensation. 2 Cor. v. 18, 19.  
But, in the succeeding chapters, God appears as the  
Just, calling all to account, and rendering to each  
according to his works. ‘‘ Just and true are thy ways,  
thou King of the nations ” (xv. 3). “ All the nations  
shall come and worship before thee ; for thy judgments  
have been made manifest” (xv. 4).  
Can we certainly tell now, what acts are God’s judg-  
ments ? Might we rejoice in them,if we did? Jf not,  
a new dispensation begins here.  
And hence the power of God, which slumbers now,  
begins to be put forth in war.  
The judgments of God are exhibited. ‘‘ Fear God  
and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is  
come,” is then the new gospel (xiv. 7).  
The great centre of the dispensation, and expression  
of the change, Is THE THRONE. The scene itself is  
shifted. It is no longer the sanctuary which is thrown