**CHAPTER 4**

*His charge to Timothy: he tells him of his approaching death, and desires him to come to him.*

**1** I charge thee, before God and Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead, by his coming, and his kingdom:

**2** Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine.

**3** For there shall be a time, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears:

**4** And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables.

**5** But be thou vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry. Be sober.

**6** For I am even now ready to be sacrificed: and the time of my dissolution is at hand.

**7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

**8** As to the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord the just judge will render to me in that day: and not only to me, but to them also that love his coming. Make haste to come to me quickly.

**9** For Demas hath left me, loving this world, and is gone to Thessalonica:

**10** Crescens into Galatia, Titus into Dalmatia.

**11** Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

**12** But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

**13** The cloak that I left at Troas, with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, especially the parchments.

**14** Alexander the coppersmith hath done me much evil: the Lord will reward him according to his works:

**15** Whom do thou also avoid, for he hath greatly withstood our words.

**16** At my first answer no man stood with me, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their charge.

**17** But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, that by me the preaching may be accomplished, and that all the Gentiles may hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

**18** The Lord hath delivered me from every evil work: and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**19** Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

**20** Erastus remained at Corinth. And Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

**21** Make haste to come before winter Eubulus and Pudens, and Linus and Claudia, and all the brethren, salute thee.

**22** The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.