

and calling them to judgment, he closes the millenium. *Judgment succeeds.*

The *general resurrection* is placed in its exact order, as immediately *at the close* of Christ's mediatorial reign, and immediately *preceding* the general judgment. All that are in their graves, of every age, rank and degree, will hear the voice of the Son of God, and will come forth ; the earth and sea will give up the dead bodies ; and hades will give up the souls, and the dead small and great will stand before God, the Son, as judge ; waiting to receive their final doom. The books will be opened, to reveal all human transactions. What a history ! such a one as is not contained elsewhere. And the book of life will be opened also, recording the transactions of persons entering into covenant with God through Christ, and thus having stood in a state of acceptance : but for this no flesh could have been saved.

When Christ will first make his appearance to judge mankind, what a sensation, so to speak, will be felt by the earth and the heavens—they flee away, as affrighted at his presence, and will be wholly dissolved, a fire being kindled, as by scintillations from his divine glory, and the elements will melt with the fervent heat. In respect to their present state they will be no more ; but a new order of existence will be substituted in their stead.

V. *The production of the new heavens and the new earth.*

The earth, and all things in it, and around it, will be dissolved ; that is, there will be a decomposition