

great white throne, to judge the dead, when the earth and the heaven have fled away before His face (Rev. xx. 11).

Such is the teaching of the word of God. The taking possession of the kingdom by Christ is described in Daniel ; but to treat this would lead us to the second part of our subject, the earthly glory, which would unduly lengthen out this paper. My only desire here is to shew the place which the Church occupies in this scene, and the connection which exists in Scripture between that doctrine and the most fundamental and comforting truths which form the hope and the joy of the believer.

#### THE KINGDOM OF THE FATHER.

There is a point in this subject which has been hardly touched upon, but the contemplation of which would lead us too far away from our main object, and might expose us to the danger of losing sight of it. It is the place which the Father's love has here—a subject equally full of deep comfort. It was for the kingdom of the Father that Jesus taught His disciples to pray ; it will be in the Father's kingdom that the righteous shine forth as the sun (Matt. xiii. 43), that is, as Christ, the Sun of righteousness. It is in the glory of the Father that Christ is to appear, and that is for us a most happy circumstance in the blessedness of that great day. Here we enter into deeper waters, and yet more calm ; into that eternity which is an