**CHAPTER** **41**

*Of the remembrance of death: of an evil and of a good name: of what things we ought to be ashamed.*

**1** O DEATH, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that hath peace in his possessions!

**2** To a man that is at rest, and whose ways are prosperous in all things, and that is yet able to take meat!

**3** O death, thy sentence is welcome to the man that is in need, and to him whose strength faileth:

**4** Who is in a decrepit age, and that is in care about all things, and to the distrustful that loseth patience!

**5** Fear not the sentence of death. Remember what things have been before thee, and what shall come after thee: this sentence is from the Lord upon all flesh.

**6** And what shall come upon thee by the good pleasure of the most High? whether ten, or a hundred, or a thousand years.

**7** For among the dead there is no accusing of life.

**8** The children of sinners become children of abominations, and they that converse near the houses of the ungodly.

**9** The inheritance of the children of sinners shall perish, and with their posterity shall be a perpetual reproach.

**10** The children will complain of an ungodly father, because for his sake they are in reproach.

**11** Woe to you, ungodly men, who have forsaken the law of the most high Lord.

**12** And if you be born, you shall be born in malediction: and if you die, in malediction shall be your portion.

**13** All things that are of the earth, shall return into the earth: so the ungodly shall from malediction to destruction.

**14** The mourning of men is about their body, but the name of the ungodly shall be blotted out.

**15** Take care of a good name: for this shall continue with thee, more than a thousand treasures precious and great.

**16** A good life hath its number of days: but a good name shall continue for ever.

**17** My children, keep discipline in peace: for wisdom that is hid, and a treasure that is not seen, what profit is there in them both?

**18** Better is the man that hideth his folly, than the man that hideth his wisdom.

**19** Wherefore have a shame of these things I am now going to speak of.

**20** For it is not good to keep all shame facedness: and all things do not please all men in opinion.

**21** Be ashamed of fornication before father and mother: and of a lie before a governor and a man in power:

**22** Of an offence before a prince, and a judge: of iniquity before a congregation and a people:

**23** Of injustice before a companion and friend: and in regard to the place where thou dwellest,

**24** Of theft, and of the truth of God, and the covenant: of leaning with thy elbow over meat, and of deceit in giving and taking:

**25** Of silence before them that salute thee: of looking upon a harlot: and of turning away thy face from thy kinsman.

**26** Turn not away thy face from thy neighbour, and of taking away a portion and not restoring.

**27** Gaze not upon another man’s wife, and be not inquisitive after his handmaid, and approach not her bed.

**28** Be ashamed of upbraiding speeches before friends: and after thou hast given, upbraid not.