

## It Would Be Wise for Us to Plan Our Exit

I am reading the Bible through again this year and something struck me today as I read 1 Kings 2. It was the words David used in referring to his imminent death, “to go the way of all the earth.” We call that a euphemism. A nice way to say an unpleasant concept. Other euphemisms for death in the Bible are: “sleep” (John 11:11); “fly away” (Ps 90:10); “breathed his last” (Mark 15:37); “giving up his spirit” (Matthew 27:50); “gathered to his people” (Genesis 25:8).



Now I suspect if you have read this far you are saying to yourself, “where is this guy going—newsletters are supposed to be uplifting. This is an unpleasant topic! Please, just stick with me for a moment.

Let’s go back to my first euphemism... “to go the way of all the earth” 1 Kings 2:2. David recognized that his end was near. He challenges his heir, Solomon, to be the man and show himself strong, walk in the ways of the Lord and keep His word. Solomon is given a plan of action after the time David is gone. What insight and wisdom! We can all learn a lesson here!

We are ALL going the way of ALL the earth. (All means all and that’s all—all means). No exceptions. So it would be wise for us to plan our exit if you will. David passed on plans for a temple; advice in dealing with “low life” and words of encouragement to his son.

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Lord willing I’ll see you at the Moody Pastor’s Conference!

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