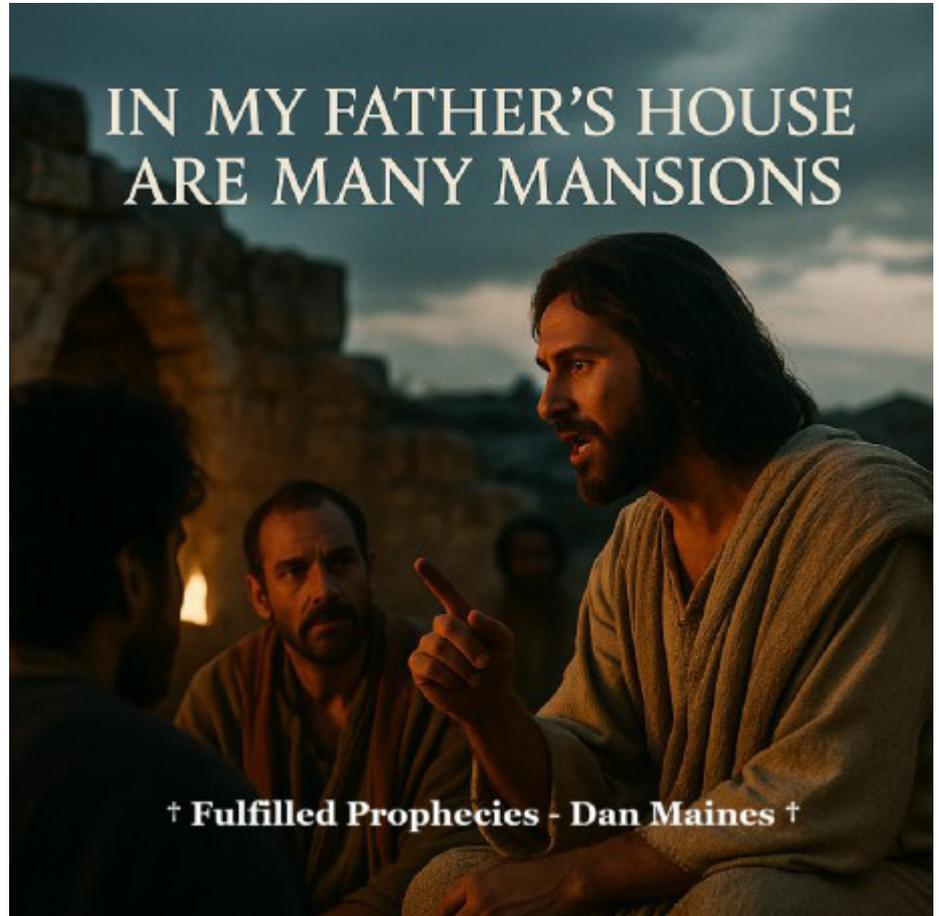


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**Scripture:** John 14:2-6; Revelation 21:2; John 2:15-16; Ephesians 2:6

### John 14:2-6

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

† The phrase "My Father's house" appears only twice in the New Testament, in John 2:16 and John 14:2. When Jesus used it the first time, He was speaking of the temple in Jerusalem, saying, Take these things away, do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. When He used it again, He did not change its meaning. He was revealing the coming transition from the physical temple to the spiritual temple that would soon be established through His death, resurrection, and ascension.

† The Greek word translated "mansions" (monai) means dwelling places or abodes. This same word is used again in John 14:23 where Jesus said, We will come to him and make Our home with him. This shows that the dwelling places He prepared were not houses in heaven, but abiding places within His people. He was preparing access into the household of God, not physical structures in another realm.

† When Jesus said, I go to prepare a place for you, He was speaking of the cross. His death opened the way into the presence of God, removing the separation caused by sin. Through His resurrection and ascension, He entered the true Holy Place and secured eternal redemption for His people (Hebrews 9:24).

† The prepared place is the prepared people, formed by the cross and filled by the Spirit. Jesus was not preparing furniture in a distant city, but a spiritual temple built of living stones. His body is that temple (John 2:19-21), and all who are in Him become its dwelling places (1 Peter 2:5).

† When Jesus said, I will come again and receive you to Myself, He was not speaking of a future rapture or physical removal

from earth. He was describing His covenantal coming to establish His kingdom and dwell with His people through the Spirit. That coming was realized in their generation when the old temple was judged and the new temple stood complete in Christ (Matthew 16:27-28, Matthew 24:30-34).

† The house of God was never meant to remain a building made with hands. Paul said, Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16). God's plan was always to dwell within His people, not in stone walls. The New Covenant fulfills that purpose.

† Revelation 21:2-3 confirms this fulfillment. John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The city did not remain in heaven, it came down. And the voice declared, Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them. The Bride, the Church, is the Father's house with many dwelling places.

† The phrase, that where I am, there you may be also, speaks of union, not relocation. Jesus explained it plainly in John 14:20, In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. This is the spiritual reality of being in Him, the union of heaven and earth realized in the believer's relationship with Christ.

† When Jesus spoke of coming again, He tied it directly to Pentecost. He said, I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you (John 14:18). Through the indwelling Spirit, He returned to abide with His people, fulfilling the promise that where He is, they may be also.

† Those who came to the Father through Christ were no longer separated by the veil. They became citizens of the heavenly kingdom even while living on earth. Paul wrote, He raised us up

with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). This is a present reality, not a postponed hope.

## **How Jesus Prepared the Place**

† When Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2), He was about to face the cross. The preparation wasn't construction work in heaven, it was the completion of redemption. He prepared the way by His sacrifice, tearing down the barrier between God and man (Hebrews 10:19-20).

† On the cross, He removed the curse of sin that had separated mankind from God since Adam. When He cried out, "It is finished" (John 19:30), that was the moment the way into the Father's presence was prepared.

† His descent into Hades (Acts 2:27, Ephesians 4:8-10) fulfilled the prophetic work of reclaiming the righteous dead who were waiting for redemption. He proclaimed victory over death and opened the way for the righteous to enter the presence of God, a realm that had been closed until His blood atonement was made.

† His resurrection and ascension completed that preparation. As Hebrews 9:24 says, "For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." His entrance there as the High Priest secured our place in the true Holy of Holies, the Father's house.

† The preparation happened through His suffering, death, descent, resurrection, and ascension, the entire redemptive process. That's how He made it possible for believers to dwell in the Father's house as living temples, and to continue in His presence beyond physical death.

## **What It Truly Is**

† It is about leaving behind the pain, corruption, and decay of this world and entering fully into the Father's presence, both now and forever. It's not that heaven doesn't exist, it's that heaven is far greater than people have imagined. The heaven Jesus spoke of is not far away, it is the life and glory of God shared with His people. Through His death and resurrection, He opened that heavenly realm so we could live in it now, and continue in it when our earthly life ends. Heaven is not less real, it is more real, life without sorrow, decay, or distance from Him. This is the hope we have, and the joy of knowing that when this world fades, we will still be alive in His glory, never to suffer again.

## **What It Is Not**

† It is not about building luxury homes in heaven. The Greek word for mansions means abodes or dwelling places, referring to spiritual habitation, not literal houses. Jesus was preparing a covenantal relationship, not a physical city.

† It is not about a postponed future kingdom. The kingdom came when heaven and earth were joined through Christ's completed work and when the New Jerusalem descended. The house of God was established when the old temple fell.

† It is not limited to the apostles alone. It extends to all who come to the Father through Christ. Every believer becomes a dwelling place of God's Spirit, a living stone in the Father's house.

† It is not about escaping the earth but about transforming it. The Father's house was brought here when God made His dwelling among men. As Revelation 21:3 declares, the tabernacle of God is with men, not waiting above them.

## **Heaven: Two Real Places in God's Design**

† The Bible speaks of heaven in two ways. First, there is the eternal heaven, the unseen realm where God dwells, where His throne is, and where the redeemed go at death (Revelation 4:1-2, Hebrews 12:22-24). This is the Father's house, the higher dimension of creation beyond the physical universe.

† Second, there is the heavenly kingdom now revealed on earth through Christ. When heaven and earth were joined in the new covenant, God's dwelling came among His people (Revelation 21:2-3). That doesn't replace the heavenly realm, it extends its reality to us through the Spirit.

† So heaven is both the eternal dwelling of God and the living presence of His kingdom now within and among believers. The two are connected, one unseen and eternal, the other revealed on earth through the fulfillment of His promise. When we die, we step fully into the heavenly place that Christ opened, and when we live by His Spirit, we walk in the heavenly life that has already begun.

† Jesus taught us to pray, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). That prayer was fulfilled when heaven's order and presence came to earth through the finished work of Christ. God's will now reigns in the hearts of His people just as it does in heaven. Revelation 21:3 confirms this, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them. Heaven's presence has come, not to make earth heaven, but to fill it with the rule and glory of the One who sits on the throne.

### **Clarification on Heaven and Fulfillment**

† When Jesus spoke of the Father's house, He was not pointing His disciples to a distant heaven, but to the new covenant dwelling of God with His people on earth. That promise has

already been fulfilled. Yet when a believer's physical life ends, our spirit continues in that same presence, only without the limits of the body. Heaven is not a separate destination, it is the unveiled reality of being fully in Him.

† When we are saved, we are indeed seated with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). That position is spiritual, not physical, meaning that while we live on earth, we share His authority, His fellowship, and His presence through the Spirit.

† Being seated with Him gives us spiritual perception. Paul said, we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18). The Spirit opens our eyes to see the reality of the heavenly realm operating now within and around us.

† When our physical bodies die, our spirit continues to live in Christ. Paul said, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). There is no interruption of life, no gap, and no sleep of the soul. We simply move from faith to sight, from the limited physical world into the full awareness of His presence.

† Yes, it is heaven, but not in the sense of a distant physical place. It is the spiritual dimension of God's presence that surrounds and sustains all creation. In that state, we will perceive spiritual reality as vividly as we once perceived physical reality, but without corruption or decay.

† Scripture reveals that the spiritual realm is greater and beyond our current senses. Paul described it as a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1). Moving into that existence is like walking from one room into another, leaving behind mortality and stepping fully into immortality.

† Those looking for a physical kingdom miss the entire point of what it means to be in Christ. Jesus said, The kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, See here or see there, for indeed the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:20-21).

### **Common Objection: The Hope of Heaven**

† We are not removing the hope of heaven, we are revealing that heaven has already been opened through Christ. Our hope was never to depart this world, but to live eternally in His presence. That began the moment redemption was finished.

† Physical death does not end that fellowship. When we leave the body, we do not fall into sleep or silence. We pass fully into the spiritual reality already present in Christ, free from the weakness of the flesh. Paul said, to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).

† The spiritual realm is not shadowy or distant, it is more real than the physical. The visible world passes away, but the unseen is eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18). What we know now in part, we will know in full when all that hinders is removed.

† When believers die physically, they continue in the same covenantal presence of God that was already opened to us. We join the great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:22-24), living in the same life we already share through Christ.

† The fulfilled view does not take away heaven, it removes the delay. We are not waiting for eternal life to begin, we are walking in it now. Jesus said, He who believes in Me will never die (John 11:26). That is the promise of uninterrupted fellowship with God.

† The spiritual realm is not less tangible than this one. In that state there is no decay, no darkness, and no distance from the

Lord. It is life without end, light without shadow, and joy without separation.

† We are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20) now, and when we pass from this life, we simply step fully into what has already begun. The same life we live by faith becomes sight in His presence.

### **How it applies to us today**

† We are not waiting for a mansion in heaven, we are living in the Father's house now.

† Through Christ, God dwells in us, and we dwell in Him.

† The New Jerusalem has already come down, and the promise has been fulfilled. God now lives among His people, and His presence is permanent.

† Our hope is not in leaving this world, but in walking daily in the reality of His finished work. The separation that once existed is gone, and the dwelling place of God is with His people.

† Understanding this truth brings rest. We no longer strive to reach heaven, because heaven has already reached us in Christ.

† When Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life, He was showing that the only path to the Father is through Him, and that this relationship is not distant but present.

† The believer's life is now lived inside the Father's house. We are the living stones of His spiritual temple, joined together in unity, built upon Christ, and sealed by His Spirit.

### **Historical References**

† Eusebius wrote that after the destruction of Jerusalem, the Church became the living temple of God, where His presence remained forever.

† Clement of Alexandria said, The temple of God is the congregation of the faithful, built together in Christ, the eternal dwelling of the Father.

† Tertullian stated, The Church is the house and temple of God, built not with hands, but of the faithful.

† Justin Martyr described believers as the true Israel, the habitation of the Holy One, and the spiritual fulfillment of God's dwelling among His people.

† Irenaeus wrote that Christ gathered together the scattered sons of God into one house, fulfilling the promises spoken through the prophets.

## **Closing Reflection**

† Heaven is not a distant dream or a hope delayed, it is the living presence of God that began to dwell with His people when Christ fulfilled His promise. The place He prepared is not waiting to be built, it is finished. Those who belong to Him now walk in the reality of that kingdom and will one day step fully into His glory, free from pain, corruption, and death. The Father's house is real, eternal, and complete, and in Christ, we already dwell within its walls.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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