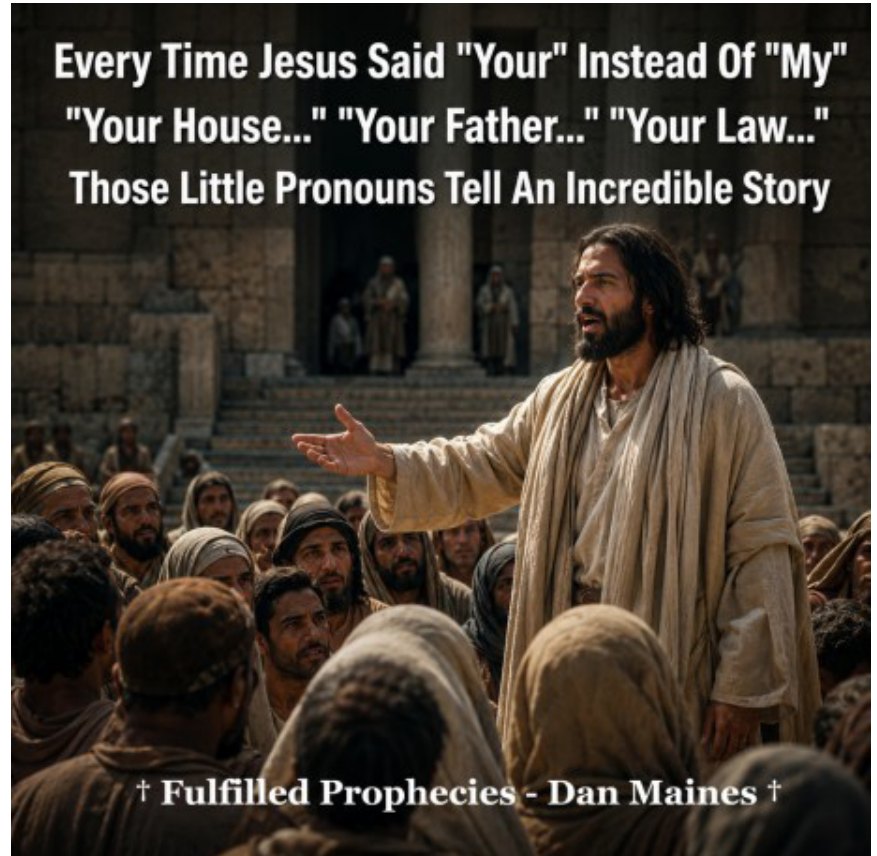


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**Every Time Jesus Said "Your" Instead Of "My"
"Your House..." "Your Father..." "Your Law..."
Those Little Pronouns Tell An Incredible Story**

Introduction

† Most people read right over the little pronouns Jesus used, yet they reveal a dramatic covenant transition taking place before Israel's eyes.

† Jesus often spoke of "my Father," but when addressing unbelieving Israel He frequently said "your house," "your father," and "your law." Those weren't accidental word choices.

† These expressions exposed the growing separation between the Old Covenant leadership and the Son of God. What once belonged to God was about to be left desolate because they rejected their Messiah.

† Those small pronouns become powerful evidence that the Old Covenant system was coming to its appointed end.

Matthew 23:38

Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

† Jesus didn't call the temple "My Father's house" here as He had earlier in His ministry. He now called it "your house," showing that judgment was imminent. (John 2:16; Matthew 23:38)

† The covenant relationship with that temple system was ending because Israel's leaders had rejected their Messiah. (Hebrews 8:13)

† This perfectly fits the approaching destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. (Luke 21:20-22)

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

† Jesus did not recognize Abraham as the true spiritual father of those rejecting Him.

† By saying "your father," He exposed their true spiritual allegiance through their actions rather than their ancestry. (John 8:39-41)

† Covenant membership was no longer determined by physical descent but by faith in Christ. (Romans 9:6-8)

John 8:17

Even in your Law it has been written that the testimony of two people is true.

† Jesus referred to the Law as "your law," not because it was untrue, but because those opposing Him claimed to uphold it while rejecting the One to whom it pointed.

† The Law belonged to the Old Covenant administration that was passing away. (Galatians 3:24-25)

† Christ fulfilled everything written in the Law and established the better covenant. (Hebrews 8:6)

John 7:19

"Did Moses not give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why are you seeking to kill Me?"

† Jesus again speaks of the Law as something possessed by His opponents while exposing their failure to obey it.

† They appealed to Moses while plotting the murder of the very Prophet Moses foretold. (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)

† Their rejection demonstrated that possessing the Law was never the same as keeping it.

John 15:25

But this has happened so that the word that is written in their Law will be fulfilled: 'They hated Me for no reason.'

† Jesus again distanced Himself from those using the Scriptures against Him.

† Ironically, the very Law they appealed to testified against them because it foretold their rejection of the Messiah. (Psalm 35:19)

† Their misuse of Scripture became evidence that prophecy was being fulfilled exactly as written. (Luke 24:44)

Matthew 15:7-9

You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, by saying: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. And in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

† Jesus repeatedly emphasized "you" and "your" when exposing the traditions that had replaced God's commandments.

† Their religion had become centered on human authority instead of obedience to God.

† The coming judgment would remove that corrupt system and establish the New Covenant people of God. (Hebrews 12:26-28)

John 5:45-47

Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?

† Jesus showed that the very authority they trusted would become their accuser.

† Moses pointed directly to Christ, making their rejection of Jesus a rejection of Moses himself.

† Their confidence in the Old Covenant became the evidence against them. (Acts 3:22-23)

John 2:16

and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away from here; stop making My Father's house a place of business!"

† Earlier in His ministry Jesus called the temple "my Father's house."

† By the time He reached Matthew 23:38 He called it "your house," revealing a significant covenant change.

† Those two statements form bookends showing Israel's opportunity, rejection, and coming judgment.

Luke 13:34-35

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her young under her wings, and you were unwilling! Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!'

† Luke records the exact same declaration as Matthew, proving "your house" was one of Jesus' final covenant pronouncements against Jerusalem.

† This wasn't merely about a building. It was the entire Old Covenant system centered in Jerusalem that was about to be abandoned.

† Luke immediately connects this theme to the events fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem. (Luke 21:20-22)

Historical References

† Josephus recorded that the temple and Jerusalem were completely destroyed by the Roman armies in AD 70, exactly as Jesus foretold in Matthew 23 and Luke 21. (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 6, Chapters 4-8)

† Eusebius recorded that Christians remembered Jesus' warning and fled Jerusalem before its destruction. (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History,

Book 3, Chapter 5)

† The historical record confirms that the house Jesus called "your house" was left desolate exactly as He declared.

† Irenaeus affirmed that Christ fulfilled the Law and the Prophets through His first-century ministry, showing continuity between prophecy and fulfillment. (Against Heresies, Book 4, Chapters 33-34)

† Tacitus likewise records the destruction of Jerusalem under Titus, confirming the historical judgment that Jesus announced. (Histories, Book 5)

How It Applies To Us Today

† We belong to Christ through the New Covenant, not through an earthly temple or Old Covenant system.

† Our identity comes from our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, not through physical lineage.

† We should pay attention to every word Jesus spoke because even the smallest pronouns reveal profound covenant truth.

† God's dwelling is now His people, not a building made with human hands. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

† We should never overlook the small words of Scripture because Jesus often revealed profound covenant truth through a single pronoun.

† The difference between "my" and "your" reveals the transition from the Old Covenant administration to the New Covenant Kingdom.

† Those little pronouns become another witness that Jesus' judgment upon Jerusalem was approaching exactly as He foretold.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Why did Jesus change from saying "my Father's house" to "your house"? (John 2:16; Matthew 23:38)

A: Early in His ministry Jesus still recognized the temple as His Father's house. After Israel's continued rejection of Him, He declared it "your house," announcing that it would soon be left desolate.

Q: Why did Jesus say "your law" instead of "our law"? (John 8:17; John 15:25)

A: Jesus had fulfilled the Law and exposed those who claimed to honor it while rejecting the One it testified about. Their appeal to the Law only condemned them because they refused its fulfillment in Christ.

Q: What do these pronouns teach us today? (Hebrews 8:13; Ephesians 2:19-22)

A: They remind us that the Old Covenant has passed away. God's people are now identified by faith in Christ, and God's dwelling place is His redeemed people.

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

Source Index

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