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We, the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained by God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of his children. All men – male and female – are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and as such each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal and eternal identity and purpose. In the pre-mortal realm, the spirit sons and daughters knew and worshipped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan that allowed His children to obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to go to perfection and eventually realize their divine destiny as heirs to eternal life. The divine plan of happiness makes it possible to perpetuate family relationships beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in sacred temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united forever. The first commandment God gave to Adam and Eve related to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and supplement the earth remains in force. We further state that God has ordered that the sacred powers of reproduction should be used only between man and woman, lawfully mandated as men and women. We explain the means by which mortality is created to be appointed by God. We affirm the sanctity of life and its importance in God's eternal plan. Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and take care of each other and their children. Children are a heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to educate their children in love and righteousness, to meet their physical and spiritual needs, and to teach them to love and serve each other, to keep the commandments of God, and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives – mothers and fathers – will be held responsible for God for fulfilling these obligations. The family is ordained to God. Marriage between a man and a woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of marriage, and to be raised by a father and a mother who honor spousal vows with full fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when based on the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages families are founded and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work and healthy recreational activities. By divine design, fathers must preside over their families in love and justice and are responsible for meeting the needs life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the education of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obliged to help each other as equal partners. Disability, death or other circumstances may require individual adjustment. Extended families should provide support when needed. We warn that persons who violate covenants of chastity, abuse spouses or descendants, or who do not perform family duties will one day be held accountable to God. Furthermore, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring individuals, communities and nations the calamities predicted by ancient and modern prophets. We call on responsible citizens and government officials around the world to promote measures designed to preserve and strengthen the family as a fundamental unit of society. President Gordon B. Hinckley read this proclamation as part of his message at the Relief Society General Meeting on September 23, 1995 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Music made by Carrie Maxwell Wrigley, setting music the lyrics of The Family Proclamation. Text divided into six separate songs, reflecting the unique theme and tone of each section, and making it easier to remember the text. Feel free to download the recordings and sheet music at no cost. This resource has been provided to help you and those who serve you to remember and internalize this sacred text, and to strengthen your family in doing so. (See FAQ page for more information.) For my soul delight in the song of the heart; Yes, the song of the righteous is a prayer for me, and it will be answered with a blessing on their heads. -- D&C 25:12 (Please note that these simple demos will soon be replaced by higher quality recording. In the meantime, this quick recording is provided as a help to anyone who will learn this music and text before the other recordings are available.) RELATED SOURCES: Highlighted text .pdf (COMING SOON) Original family proclamation document, with markers showing how the text appears in the music: Pink lines = song divisions; yellow highlights = repeated words; circled=scripture references) Original Text Source .doc Stand Strong Against the Wiles of the World - A speech by President Gordon B. Hinckley on September 23, 1995, at the Women's General Assembly, the first time the Proclamation was shared publicly. Provides background on why the Proclamation was developed and published. Original VP Demo .mp4 Family Proclamation music, songs 1-6, as originally recorded as a simple vocal-piano demo on the iPhone and piano, in the church building. -- Articles with to The Family Proclamation are: -- Opmerking: This family proclamation music literally follows the original text, except: several sentences are repeated in emphasis (see highlighted text above); and the words the First Presidency and the Quorum of twelve apostles of the Church for Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are deleted in paragraph 1, because singers of this music will most likely never possess apostolic authority. By deleting these words in music, singers can truly share their own testimonies, mixed with those apostolic witnesses who originally wrote these inspired words. The Family: A Proclamation to the World: The Family Is Central to the Creator's PlanDownloadsThis Page (MP3) Entire Book (PDF) FootnotesTheme13-19 December. The family: a proclamation to the world: The family is central to the Creator's plan, Come, follow me –For individuals and families: Learn and Connected 2021 (2020),December 13–19. The Family: A Proclamation to the World,' Come, Follow Me —For Individuals and Families: 2021December 13–19The family is central to creator President Dallin H. Oaks' plan, saying, I believe that our attitude to and use of the proclamation of the family [is a test] for this generation. I pray that all Latter-day Saints remain firmly in that test (The Plan and the Proclamation, Ensign of Liahona, November 2017, 31). Think about these words as you study the family proclamation this week. Record your impressions Even before we were born, we were part of a family – the family of our heavenly parents. When it came time to leave Their presence, it must have been reassuring to know that families on earth would also be part of God's plan. The pattern on Earth is meant to echo the perfect pattern in the sky. There are no guarantees that earthly families will be ideal or even functional. But as President Henry B. Eyring has said, families give God's children the best chance to be welcomed into the world with the only love on earth that comes close to what we felt in heaven – parental love (Gathering the Family of God, Ensign of Liahona, May 2017, 20). Knowing that families are imperfect and subject to attacks from the adversary, God sent His Beloved Son to redeem us and heal our families. And He sent today's prophets with a proclamation to defend and strengthen families. If we follow the prophets and place faith in the Savior, even though mortal families are lagging behind the divine ideal, there is hope for families – on earth and in heaven. The Family: A Proclamation to the World is clearly about families. But it's also about God's plan of salvation. One way to study the proclamation is to look for what it teaches about our premortal, mortal, and post-mortal life. What do you learn when you make the proclamation this way How does this help you understand why marriage and family are essential to God's plan? See also Dallin H. Oaks, The Plan and the Proclamation, Ensign or November 2017, 28–31.Think of paragraphs six and seven of the family proclamation as a pattern for 'happiness in family life'. When you read these paragraphs, you identify principles of successful marriages and families. Think of a family relationship that you want to strengthen. What do you feel inspired for? How do you involve the Savior in your efforts? See also Richard J. Maynes, 'Establishing a Christ-Centered Home', Ensign of Liahona, May 2011, 37–39; What Matters Most, video, ChurchofJesusChrist.org.De family proclamation contains wonderful blessings that Heavenly Father promises for those who follow His counsel. It also contains strong warnings for those who don't. Consider listing the blessings and warnings you find. How do you act on God's counsel in the proclamation? If you were standing before God today, what would you surely discuss with Him about your family relationships? What would you need to improve? See also Alma 5:15–22; Learn and connect 42:22–25; 93:39–44.Parents must raise their children in love and justice. Elder D. Todd Christofferson said, Proclaiming the fundamental truths toward marriage and family is not to overlook or diminish the sacrifices and successes of those for whom the ideal is not a present reality. ... Everyone has gifts; everyone has talents; everyone can contribute to the development of the divine plan in each generation. Much that is good, much that is essential – even sometimes all that is needed for now – can be achieved in less than ideal conditions. ... We testify with confidence that the Atonement of Jesus Christ has anticipated and ultimately will compensate for all hardship and loss for those who turn to Him. No one is destined to receive less than everything the Father has for his children (Why marriage, why family, Ensign or Liahona, May 2015, 52). Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose. If it would be helpful for your family to discuss doctrine on gender and same-sex attraction, the following sources can help: Dallin H. Oaks, Truth and the Plan, Ensign or Liahona, November 2018, 25–28; Gospel Topics, Same-Sex Attraction, topics. ChurchofJesusChrist.org. The divine plan of happiness. To help your family understand the importance of families in Heavenly Father's plan, you write the pre-life, mortality, and life after death on three parts of a piece of paper. Search the proclamation together and write on the paper what you learn about each of these parts of God's plan. Why are families so important to God? Families [can] be united forever. You could watch the video 'Salvation Plan – We are still a (ChurchofJesusChrist.org). In the family proclamation, look for truths that man in the video understood and that helped him have faith. Happiness in family life. To discuss how to achieve more 'happiness in [your] family life', you could sing a song about families together, such as 'Home Can Be a Heaven on Earth' (Hymns, No. 298). What do we learn from the song and from the family proclamation that would bring more happiness to our family? How can we ensure that our family is based on the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ? Consider choosing one lesson you want to work on this week. Strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society. How does Satan try to weaken families in the world? How can we do our part to strengthen families? For ideas, see President Bonnie L. Oscarson's Defenders of the Family Proclamation (Ensign of Liahona, May 2015, May 14–17). For more ideas for teaching children, see this week's contours in Come, Follow Me -For Primary.Suggested song: Home Can Be a Heaven on Earth, Hymns, no. 298.Improving Personal StudyFind God's love. President M. Russell Ballard said, [The] gospel is a gospel of love – love for God and love for each other (God's love for His children, ensign, May 1988, 59). As you read the family proclamation, consider noticing or marking evidence of God's love that makes particular sense to you. Content with related contentno related content