The Family Is Ordained of God

“In the words of [the Primary song], ‘The Family Is of God,’ . . . we are reminded of pure doctrine,” said Carole M. Stephens, First Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency. “We learn not only that the family is of God but also that we are each part of God’s family. . . .

“. . . The Father’s plan for His children is a plan of love. It is a plan to unite His children—His family—with Him.”

Elder L. Tom Perry (1922–2015) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said: “We also believe that strong traditional families are not only the basic units of a stable society, a stable economy, and a stable culture of values—but that they are also the basic units of eternity and of the kingdom and government of God.

“We believe that the organization and government of heaven will be built around families and extended families.”

“Everyone, no matter what their marital circumstance or number of children, can be defenders of the Lord’s plan described in the family proclamation,” said Bonnie L. Oscarson, Young Women General President. “If it is the Lord’s plan, it should also be our plan!”

Additional Scriptures
Doctrine and Covenants 2:1–3; 132:19

Consider This
Why is the family the most important unit in time and in eternity?

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