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the premortal realm. spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their **Eternal Father and** accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an Meir of eternal life.

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 of God and that the family dig central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

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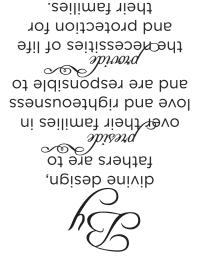
individual premortal,

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marriages and families are established and maintained on prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, and wholesome and wholesome



in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.



are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor a mother who honor marital vows with

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one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be lawabiding citizens wherever they live.

love and care for each other and for their Children "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:3).

and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other @ and for their have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, for their physical and spiritual needs, them to love and serve one another, to observe

and wives mothers and fathers will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

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are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children.



these sacred responsibilities. fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners.

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death. or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support So when needed.

warn that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse government everywhere spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one maintain and strengthen day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets. 20



call upon responsible citizens and officers of to promote those measures designed to the family as the fundamental unit of society.

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