

# James Richard Family Reunion

## Celebrating - Sharing - Preserving Our Family Heritage.

Family is the foundational social structure and the most important social unit in any society. Family should always be a top priority. A healthy family experience is important for one to develop and maintain social and mental health. Family provides love, acceptance, encouragement, guidance, counsel, and value. Family is the first line of defense for children. Family members have a bond sealed by common blood. The spiritual well-being of the family cannot be taken for granted. It takes years for moral and spiritual character to be built within the family unit and passed down to our children. In the family, strive for healing, communication, and understanding among one another.

Family came from the mind of Almighty God. Family is an institution established by God. Family is an institution blessed by God. Family is one of the four (4) institutions/covenants God established:

1. Individual
2. Family
3. Church
4. Government (Romans 13:1-7)

God gave the gift of family to the human race to maintain sanity and stability. One of the greatest resources God gives us is the family. Family relationships are so important in God's eyes. Do not neglect family. Anyone who neglects their family responsibilities has denied their faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

The strength of a nation is in direct proportion to the strength of its families. Strong families build strong communities. Strong communities build strong cities. Strong cities build strong states. Strong states build strong nations. You see...it's all relational.

A man without his family is like a lion without teeth; he has the heart and he has the power, but he cannot overcome his prey. A woman without her family is like a branch that does not know it is part of a tree; her access to family resources will be inhibited. Worse yet, a child without his or her family is like a ship caught on a rough sea without a rudder.

Any system that deprives a people of its family structure denies the humanity of that people.

### SCRIPTURE READING

[I Kings 1:6](#)

[I Kings 5:13-14](#)

[Proverbs 11:29](#)

[Romans 13:1-7](#)

[Luke 2:49-50](#)

[I Timothy 5:8](#)

[Titus 2:6](#)