

Daily Devotion For April 22, 2023

“I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”  
Matthew 8:11

Today our family will have a **quasiquicentennial**” celebration marking the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our grandfather, Gennousuke Kodani coming to Point Lobos and establishing the Abalone Industry there.

Family from throughout California, Hawaii, New York and Colorado will gather at Point Lobos State Park for a family hike and then a time to share family stories at the JACL Hall followed by a banquet at Chef Lee’s. Unfortunately a few family members can’t attend and sadly, all of the uncles and aunties have passed away. Nevertheless, we will take great joy in remembering their lives and the legacy that they have left for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation.

For those fortunate enough to still have close family ties, family reunions can be a lot of fun. But the ultimate family reunion will be the one that we will all want to attend. That is the one that will take place in the kingdom of heaven! Matthew 8:11 tells us that one day believers in Christ from all over will come and recline with the Lord in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Thought For Today:** The good news is that we can be sure we make the ultimate family reunion by believing and knowing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. When we step over from this life to the next, He’ll welcome us home with the greatest family reunion we can imagine. Will you be there? Are you looking forward to the family reunion in heaven? The opportunity to see our loved ones who have died in Christ? What a joyous celebration that will be!

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the ultimate family reunion. Pray that those you know will be there as well. Deo Volente.