

*Adam and Eve*  
*Genesis 2:4-25*

*“So how do we deal with today’s attack on biblical marriage? By understanding the foundational nature of the fight and following the example of Jesus. When the dominant thinkers in the culture of his day questioned him about marriage, he did something radical. He quoted the Bible as the authority! He answered, ‘Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?” (Matthew 19:4–5).*

*How did Jesus define and defend marriage? He quoted from Genesis 1:27 and 2:24. He demonstrated that the doctrine of marriage is based on the truth of Genesis’ history and biology. Following this example, Christians can say authoritatively, uncompromisingly, and lovingly that marriage is between one man and one woman for life. Why? Because the God who created marriage designed it that way, and he defined it—in Genesis. But if that history in Genesis is not true, or God’s Word is not the authority, then why not redefine marriage into whatever you want it to be? That is exactly what our culture is doing today.”*  
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- I. We know from Genesis chapter one that God created two genders. If Satan can confuse men and women about their sexual identity, especially young people, and children, then he will not only harm them physically, emotionally, and spiritually, he will also destine them to a lifetime of immorality, regret, shame, depression, suicidal thoughts, and hopelessness. It’s one battle front for the truth we are fighting. Another battle front is marriage. Marriage that is to be strictly between a man and a woman is also under constant attack. If Satan can confuse men and women concerning what constitutes a marriage, then he will have successfully undermined God’s purpose for marriage. His desire is to undermine the very institution that God ordained that keeps a family, a church, and society strong.

Gen. 1:27

Heb. 11:3

Gen. 5:1

*The biblical view of marriage is of a God-given, voluntary, sexual and public social union of one man and one woman, from different families, for the purpose of serving God. Gospel Coalition*

- II. The Lord God created man in a way that is unique to the rest of his creation. When Yahweh-Elohim, the Lord God, created Adam, He gently and in a very personal, intimate, and loving way imparted His life-giving spirit to him. God gives us a picture of Him bending down to form Adam from the dust of the earth. When He did, He gently placed his mouth next to Adam's face to blow into him the breath of life. He makes it very clear that He gently and in a personal and intimate and loving way imparted His life-giving spirit to man. God spoke the "**breath of life**" into animals, but it was only to man that God directly "**breathed**" in "**the breath of life**," which made him unlike the animals. He gave man the best of Himself so that he could enjoy His creation to the fullest.

Gen. 2:4-17

Ps. 46:4

Lk. 12:48

**אָדָם 'ādam, aw-dam** - man, mankind **נְשָׁמָה nesh-aw-maw'** breath, spirit, breath (of God)

**Gen. 1:26** *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

- III. The Lord God established the institution of marriage by performing the first marriage ceremony through the sacred union of Adam and Eve as husband and wife. God didn't form Eve out of the dust of the earth, nor did He speak her into existence. Instead, He chose to create her from Adam himself for the purpose of uniting them as one in heart, mind, and spirit. He did that so that they would be a blessing to one another, cherish one another, and be a helpmate for one another to live life in ways that glorify God. His desire is for Christian marriages to be a godly witness to a world in desperate need of seeing what a good God-centered marriage can be like.

Gen 2:20b-25

Deut 10:20

Matthew 19:4-6

Eph 5:31-32

*"...not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved."* Matthew Henry

*"...the man spontaneously declared, 'she shall be called Woman (isha), because she was taken out of Man (ish).' The sound play celebrates their relationship. Adam restated his own name imbedded in hers. Adam anticipated the deepest intimacy." (Hughes)*