



Lust for Power v. the Delegation of Authority: Perfection of the Original Corporate Marriage; Ramifications of the Fall; Adam Is the Origin of Human Life, Not Eve

The Lust for Power versus the Delegation of Authority

- 1) Prior to the fall the relationship between Adam and Ishah was perfect. He was recognized by her as her husband – *'Ish* – and she respected him as her leader, lover, and companion.
- 2) One the other hand, Adam recognized her as his wife – *'Ishshah* – and he assumed the responsibility of being her spiritual, moral, and civil authority. He loved her personally.
- 3) Their union was corporate with Adam as the one with delegated authority and Ishah as the submissive wife.
- 4) This corporation operated under one negative divine mandate: they were not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 5) Their corporate marriage was structured under two policies: (1) the woman was called *'Ishshah* which means “wife” but also denotes that she was “taken out of Man” (Genesis 2:23) and is thus indebted to him for her existence, and (2) because they were now husband and wife they formed their own corporation which set the standard for the human race: leave father and mother and unite soulishly and physically (Genesis 2:24).
- 6) Adam and Ishah were literally “one flesh” (v. 24). They had the same DNA. They were right for each other since a perfect God would only create a perfect couple to exist in a perfect environment with a perfect life.
- 7) There were no other restrictions. There was no other possibility of sin or wrongdoing. They were totally free to enjoy life with the perfect provisions of Eden and the perfect love they were granted by the Lord.
- 8) Their life together was one of daily joy and happiness as long as they adhered to the system set up by the Lord at their creation.
- 9) Since they each fulfilled the other there was no reason for modesty. In a perfect environment, in perfect bodies designed for each other, and with a perfect life, there was no need for clothing. They belonged to each other and the woman was literally a part of the man.
- 10) Clothing came after the fall, first the Fig Leaf Outfit which was designed to cover the loss of glory in bodies of corruption and secondly the Fur Coat Ensemble provided by a sacrificial animal which commemorated their salvation.
- 11) Clothing continued to be a requirement from that point on since exposure to the opposite sex is restricted to the husband and wife in marriage.
- 12) Genesis 3 chronicles the destruction of the perfect relationship enjoyed by Adam and Ishah. We are familiar with the details of the temptation, Ishah’s fall, her enticement of Adam, and his unfortunate capitulation.
- 13) Since their bodies were perfect, the introduction of the sinful nature to Ishah’s body most likely had immediate effects on her appearance. Not only had she lost the glory of her perfection, she was physically aging, and her attitude was no longer humble.



- 14) She woke up that day with the glory of perfection and an ageless body and by that night she was spiritually dead and physically dying. Why?
- 15) Because Lucifer developed a strategy that was designed to tear down the divine institution of the home. Adam is the origin of the human race and because of this the Lord granted him authority over the entire species beginning with the leadership position in the home over his wife.
- 16) Women are not the source of the human species. Adam—אָדָם *ha-atham*— is! Procreation came after the fall and childbearing is a part of the curse placed upon the woman because of her rebellion against the authority of her husband. The woman is therefore not the source of life but rather חַוְוָה *chavvah*: Eve, “the mother of the living,” as Adam defined her in Genesis 3:20. The woman is merely the conduit by which biological life is perpetuated from the rib of Adam.
- 17) When a man and a woman are married the pastor often cites Adam’s response when the Lord presented Ishah to him after her creation:

Genesis 2:23 - And the man [אָדָם *ha-atham*: Adam] said, “At last! Bone out from my bones, / and flesh out from my flesh;
- 18) The correlation between a couple that is being married with Adam and Ishah is that each of us can trace our lineage back to Adam through Eve. Adam provided the bone marrow and the flesh by which the woman was created.
- 19) Therefore, when they unite in marriage they replicate the first marriage between Adam and Ishah. The wife is literally made up of the bone marrow and flesh of her husband.
- 20) Just as Adam was the head of the human race, in marriage he became head of the household, so also the man in marriage is delegated authority over the household.
- 21) The wife’s obligation and duty is to complement her husband not dominate her husband. If she does the latter then she has fallen into the same temptation as did Ishah in the garden.