

In this article we will take a look at the biblical definition of nakedness. The plague of public immodesty is destroying our society.

According to **Genesis 3:21**, the first issue addressed after the fall was modesty; for God clothed Adam and Eve, *“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”* Modesty is man’s oldest challenge. Prior to sin, they were naked and not ashamed, *“And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed”* (**Genesis 2:25**). Originally they were created naked and this was called good in **Genesis 1:31**. They were clothed in God’s righteousness, covered with a veil of purity. According to **Genesis 3** after Adam and Eve sinned, God immediately clothed them both. Fallen man must be covered because his heart became darkened and sinful. Adam and Eve realized they were naked and hid from God. Something to think about: God fully clothed them both even though there was no one else on earth to see them.

Adam and Eve instituted “operation fig leaf” but God was not satisfied with their make-shift aprons. An apron by today’s standard is a piece of cloth worn on the front of the body. It could have been like a towel wrapped around the body from under the arms to the loins. Even though we do not know exactly what this apron was we do know for certain that God was not satisfied with it. It did not cover their nakedness completely, so God made them coats. I am not very smart, but I do know the difference between an apron and a coat. The coat obviously means more than an apron. In Scriptures, the coat is a tunic-like or a shirt-like garment that began at the base of the neck (collar bone) and extended down to below the knees (**Job 30:18**). It would cover the shoulders, chest, loins, thighs, and knees. This shows us that God defines nakedness quite differently than man does. God wants most of our body covered. Please note that God covered the same area of the body for both the man and woman, the coat was the ordinary garment worn by both men and women which is mentioned several times in the Bible (**Genesis 37:3, I Samuel 2:19, Daniel 3:21, 27, John 21:7**). Nakedness is not limited to exposing the privates and neither do you have to be completely naked to be shamefully naked. Then, the coat implies a large outer garment covering, for the most part, the entire body.

According to **Isaiah 47:1-5**, God equates exposing the thigh and legs as nakedness and shame, *“Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.*

*Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.”* Here, a curse is pronounced upon those who bare the leg and uncover the thigh. The context is dealing with Babylon which had left her virginity and lost her innocence and purity. She had cut her hair and exposed her legs and is no longer considered a lady. No reference to an immoral act was made here, but her nakedness is seen by others as her dress is pulled up to cross over water. By the way, the thighs are from the loins to the knees, and the legs are from the knees to the feet. So, according to the text, to expose the thighs or legs in public is nakedness and shame.

According to **Exodus 28:40-43, 20:26**, God provided “breeches” for the priests to cover their nakedness as they go up the steps of the altar. “Breeches” are garments for men only, to cover their legs. In **I Timothy 2:9**, we have the garment for a woman, *“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.”* The Greek word for apparel is “katastole” which basically means a long flowing garment (floor length) like a robe. This garment would cover her and would not accent the contour of a woman’s body. The word “modest” meant proper, moderate, or not excessive; and, the word “shamefacedness” gives the idea of being ashamed of dressing immorally. That is, to dress in a manner that would not cause observation or gazing. There has always been a connection between sin and nakedness (**Exodus 32:22-25**). There is also a connection between nakedness and demonic possession, (**Luke 8:27, 30-35**). According to **Genesis 9:20-25**, Ham was cursed over seeing his father’s nakedness. In **Leviticus 18:6-19, 20:11-21**, there is an association with nakedness and immorality. David saw the nakedness of Bathsheba which caused both of them to sin (**II Samuel 11:2**).

The mini-skirt was introduced over thirty years ago and made history as the trade mark of the sexual revolution. Even the world knows that to expose the thighs and legs is to invite immorality. Swimwear is very popular because of the exposure it gives the body. Swimsuits are designed to reveal and arouse. There is a natural association between swimwear and underwear that have an erotic appeal. Please compare the

clothing a hundred years ago with what is being worn today and you will be shocked. Until the 1900's women wore floor length dresses that were not thin, nor form fitting. The "Roaring Twenties" began to bring a lot of change to our country. One of these changes was in dress. Even the unsaved saw this change. For example, a fashion writer for the New York Times said, "*The American woman has lifted skirts far beyond any modest limitation.*" Another writer said, "*If dress hems are nine inches off the ground today, there could come a day when our nation becomes so immoral hems will rise to the kneecaps.*"

As a Christian, I need to clothe my body in a manner that my nakedness is concealed so that others may see the Lord in my face. Many people have no idea how offensive their dressing is to God. Please consider this matter prayerfully and humbly.

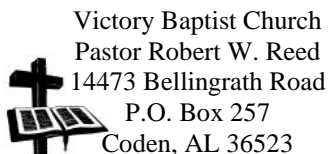
## MODESTY IS ALWAYS IN STYLE

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

**Romans 12:1-2**

*"Why are they for going with their. . .naked shoulder, and paps hanging out like a cows bag? Why are they for painting their faces, for stretching out their necks, and for putting of themselves unto all the formalities which proud fancy leads them to?"* -John Bunyan

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom  
hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.



*"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31*

# The RICHES OF GRACE

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

## The Sin of Nakedness

*"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth,  
and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see  
his shame."*

**Revelation 16:15**

### + The Public Undressing of America +

Modern America is being publicly undressed before our very eyes. The flesh is worshipped in our society. Nakedness has become normal, accepted, and even preferred. There is a definite relationship between immodesty and the moral corruption of our day. The Bible speaks of covering the body and the world promotes the uncovering of the body. The more wicked or pagan a society becomes, the more naked it becomes. Proper clothing is a deterrent to sin but nakedness will promote sinful thoughts and actions. The plague of public immodesty is destroying the very foundation of our culture.

### + Satan Is the Father of the Undress Parade +

*"Well, man started off with an apron and it looks like man  
will end up the same way."*

*-Lester Roloff*