

# Biblical Modesty

## Part 1—Nakedness in the Bible

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Paul wrote, “*For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.*” (Acts 2:27). Many times, preachers will omit certain doctrines that they know will not be received well. This is one of those doctrines, because it deals with the way we dress. God cares about our modesty and has given us clear instruction that will impact our effectiveness for Him. This particular lesson will look at nakedness in the Bible.

- I. The Shame of Nakedness (Isa. 47:1–3)
  - A. The New Testament says that we ought to have “shamefacedness” toward \_\_\_\_\_ (I Tim. 2:9).
    - Shamefacedness—modesty, an innate moral repugnance to a dishonorable act or fashion. Grief due to the personal sense of evil.
  - B. Before the fall of man, there was \_\_\_\_\_ shame of nakedness (Gen. 2:25).
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, produced shame and fear over nakedness (Gen. 3:7, 10–11).
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ does not adequately deal with nakedness (Gen. 3:7; Prov. 14:12; Col. 2:8).
  - E. God must direct us to what is modest by His \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 3:21).

- F. \_\_\_\_\_ on someone's nakedness, is shameful. Immorality issues can be passed down to our children (Gen. 9:20–27).
- G. One is responsible to \_\_\_\_\_ their nakedness and should do so in \_\_\_\_\_ situation (Ex. 20:26; 28:42).
- H. Those that reveal their nakedness are \_\_\_\_\_ (Lam. 1:8).

## II. The Standard of Nakedness

- A. The biblical standard of nakedness for men and women is that we are covered from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 28:42).
1. Loins—around the waist, small of the back, the reproductive organs
  2. Thighs—the upper leg, flank
    - Every modern dictionary will define “thigh” from the hip to the knee.
- B. Biblical nakedness would include \_\_\_\_\_ parts of the body that would arouse the opposite sex including the top of the torso to the knee (Lev. 18:6–20; Matt. 5:27–28).
- C. The word “naked” is used to define someone that is \_\_\_\_\_ in their Christian life (Rev. 3:15–18).