

## Modest Apparel

**God does mention nakedness, and many times it doesn't mean what we call naked. But other times it does mean being truly naked.**

- **Genesis 3:7** - *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.*
- **Genesis 3:10** - *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*
- **Genesis 3:11** - *And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*
- **Genesis 3:21** - *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*

**Coat Definition** – Hebrew and Greek Definition is a garment that is similar what we call a robe like or what is called a “dashiki” type of shirt. If you look at history during these times and Jesus' time the coats collar came down to the collar bone and at least went down to the knee.

- **Leviticus 16:4** - *He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.*
- **Exodus 28:4** - *And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.*
- **Job 30:18** - *By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. “coat has a collar.”*
- **John 19:23** - *Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.*
- **Luke 6:29** - *And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.*
- **John 21:7** - *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.*

**Some might say, we are not a priest. Then we see these scriptures on the Temple and Priest in the New Testament:**

**Body is the Temple** – There were requirements even how temple should be covered in Old Testament:

- **1Cor 3:16** - *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*
- **1Cor 3:17** - *If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*
- **1Cor 6:19** - *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
- **1Cor 9:13** - *Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?*
- **2Cor 6:16** - *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people*

- *1Pe 2:9* - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

### **How are you to present yourself inwardly and outwardly?**

- *Romans 12:1* - 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.
- *Romans 12:2* - 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.

### **Who does your soul and your outwardly body belong to:**

- *1Cor 6:20* - For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

### **What does God possible mention on wearing shorts or miniskirts? Does this mean boys can wear shorts? It has been a tradition to Gods people that we do not allow this for boys. The best scripture is where Apostle Paul dealt with it:**

- *2Thess 2:15* - “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”
- *Exodus 20:26* – “Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.”
- *Rev. 1:13* And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

God didn't want to even see their ankles coming up to Him for sacrifice. Therefore, if he didn't want to see their ankles; would shorts be, okay? First this would apply in how women and men dress and should hold to the traditions of our forefathers teachings, as well as God's word. Even Jesus was seen by John in his glorified body, clothed down to the foot.

### **We are striving to be like Jesus. We are striving to keep our mind, heart, and body pure before God.**

- *1Thess 5:23* - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **We also must consider the Landmarks of the Lord over these matters, as well:**

- *Deut. 19:14* - Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.
  - *Deut. 27:17* - Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.
  - *Prov. 22:28* - Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. 29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.
  - *Prov. 23:10* - Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
  - *Job 24:2* - Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.
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I pray this gives you something to consider as the Lord and His Word would have to bring you in to conviction on this matter. Man should not legislate conviction, but the life he lives and words of the Lord that he speaks, can bring conviction. Only the Spirit of the Lord and His word can bring true and lasting convictions.

We look down on no one, for Isaiah said it best in Isa 64:6 *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*