

Clothes Make The Man
(or Woman)

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We judge people by their dress.

- Special love for another.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors
– Gn.37:3

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- Mourning

Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes – Gn.37:29

Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, “Tear your clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.” And King David followed the coffin – 2 Sm.3:31

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■ Widowhood

So she took off her widow's garments, covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place which was on the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him as a wife . . . So she arose and went away, and laid aside her veil and put on the garments of her widowhood – Gn.38:14, 19

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- Harlotry

When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, because she had covered her face
– Gn.38:15

And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart – Prov.7:10

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- Respect for God

Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground” – Ex.3:5

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them
– Mt.18:20

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- Male or female

A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God – Dt.22:5

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- Virgin

Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king's virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her – 2 Sm.13:18

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- Mother's / wife's care

She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household is clothed with scarlet.
She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing
is fine linen and purple. Her husband is
known in the gates, When he sits among the
elders of the land – Prov.31:21-23

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- Prisoner

So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the king all the days of his life – Jer.52:33

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- Foreign styles

And it shall be, In the day of the LORD's sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel – Zeph.1:8

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- Societal status

But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses – Mt.11:8

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- Fashion gaffe

But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth' – Mt.22:11-13

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- False piety

But all their works they do to be seen by men.
They make their phylacteries broad and
enlarge the borders of their garments – Mt.23:5

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- Character gage

In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works – 1 Tim.2:9-10

I. The Standard

The standard is not...

1. People of world.
2. Parents.
3. Preachers.
4. Pastors.
5. Past beliefs / actions.

The standard is . . . Word of God

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free – John 8

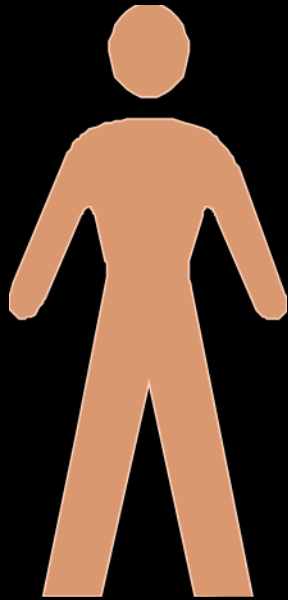
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II. The Scriptures

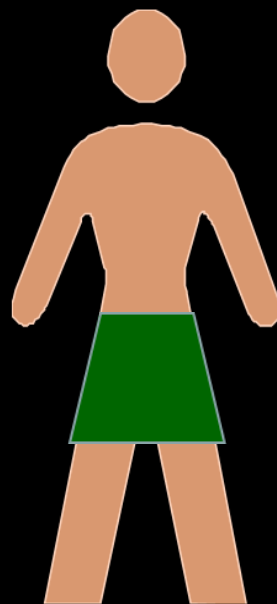
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Genesis 3:10-11, naked
Genesis 3:21, clothed

Apron

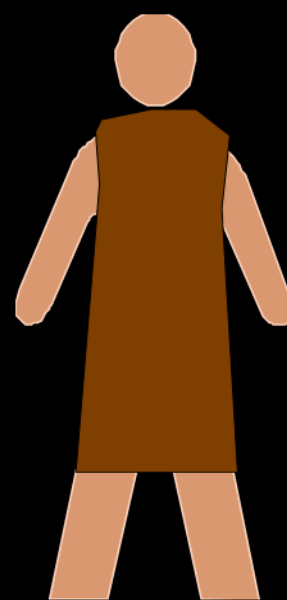
Tunic



**V. 7
Naked
(Nude)**



**V. 11
Naked
(Relatively)**



**V. 21
Clothed
& Modest**

From the
shoulder
to the
knee

Genesis 3:....7, naked
Genesis 3:10-11, naked
Genesis 3:21, clothed

- **BDB:** Gn.3:21 tunics of skin; of man 2 S. 15:32; Jb.30:18 mouth of any tunic (i.e. its collar); Gn 37:3...tunic with long skirts and sleeves.

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- ISBE: Dress: “resembled the Roman tunic, corresponding most nearly to our long shirt, reaching below the knee always, and, in case it was designed for dress occasions, reaching almost to the ground” (II.877).

1 Tim.2:9-10, **modest apparel**

- Respectable, honorable (BDAG). Proper, suitable (L-N).

³ Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—⁴ rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God – 1 Peter 3

1 Tim.2:9-10, **propriety**

- Modesty of women (BDAG)
- Shamefastness; a sense of shame (A-S).
- Feminine reserve (R-R).
- With modesty (ESV); modestly (NASB)

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down, says the Lord – Jer.6:15

1 Tim.2:9-10, propriety

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- **Shamefast:** ¹modest, shy, or bashful.
²having, or full of, shame.
- **Bedfast:** confined to bed; unable to leave it
- **Shamefast:** unable to enter public half-dressed.

1 Tim.2:9-10, **moderation**

- Discretion. Sobriety.
- Good judgment, self-control (BDAG)
- Behave in a sensible manner, with implication of thoughtful awareness of what is best – moderation, sensibility – L-N
- Self-control (ESV); discreetly (NASB)
- This woman could never dress in a way that would provoke lust in others, Mt.5:28

Nakedness

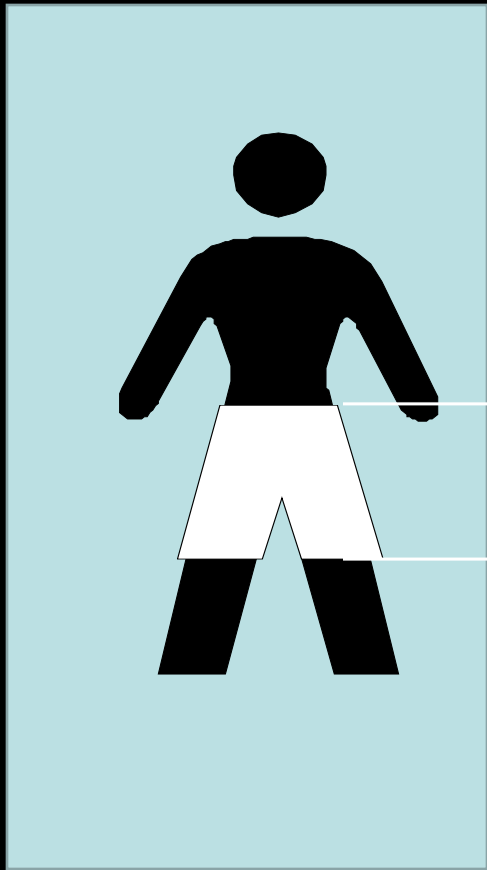
1. Total nakedness, without covering, Job 1:21
2. Inadequately clothed, poorly dressed – BDAG.
Ja.2:15.
 - One can wear some clothing and still be “naked”

Nakedness

- Exposed thigh: nakedness –Is.47:2; Jg.15:8
- Ex.20:26; 28:42, thigh: ‘part of the body between the hip to the knee, so the upper leg’ (Ex.28:42) – Swanson.
- ‘Unto the thighs’ – i.e. ‘to the bottom of the thighs where they adjoin on the knee’
– Rawlinson. Includes extremes, 11:5
- To cover bare (naked, ESV) flesh – why?
 1. Protect their modesty (vulnerable position)
 2. Prevent immodest sight to people below

Nakedness

- Exposing the thigh is exposing one's nakedness



Nakedness

Gen.3:7, 10-11

Ex.28:42

Isa.47:2-3

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III. The Summary

1. Gn.3 is a creation principle

- What kind of covering would God want for Adam and Eve?
 - [Gn.3: the only people on earth]
 - [They are already wearing something]
- Thigh-revealing shorts?
- Swimsuits?
- Tight / Form-fitting?
- Low cut blouse?
- See through?

What would these choices tell us about His standard?

1. Gn.3 is a creation principle

Creation principles and New Testament

Gn.2:18-25, marriage	Mt.19:3-9, marriage
Gn.3:15, salvation	Lk.10:19; Ro.16:20, salvation
Gn.3:16, plan for women	1 Tim.2:11-15, standard (1 Co.14)
Gn.3:7, 21, modesty	1 Tim.2:9-10, modesty

2. Principle also applies to men

- Gn.3:21 –
 - What did God do?
 - To whom?

3. People of world often admit truth

Murfreesboro Juvenile Court –

“...Appropriate dress includes but is not limited to the following: All shirts shall be tucked in and worn with long pants and a belt. No shorts. Pants shall be pulled up to the waist, with the belt clearly visible. No sagging. No underwear shall be visible. No see-through clothing; no mesh shirts. No bare midriffs; no skin shall be visible between the shirt and the pants or skirt. No low-cut tops; no tube tops; no tank tops; no halter tops; no open backs. No sundresses; no spaghetti straps. No Spandex . . .”

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Rutherford Co. Correctional Facility

“...No shorts or skirts that are above the knee should be worn (no slits above the knee either). Tight clothing, including spandex, tank tops, leggings, tights etc. are prohibited...”

4. Even worldly people know what is modest when danger is near

- Santa Maria hi-jacking, 1961
- Women on the ship quit wearing “enticing clothing” (shorts, halters...) and quit swimming in the pool...

5. Mothers must teach modesty to children

Buying modest clothes may be a chore

- **Pants:** skin-tight, form-fitting
- **Tops:** short (if she raises arms, shows midriff)
- **Dresses / skirts:** short and tight
- **Boy's jeans:** tight, feminized in style and colors
- Don't confuse them

“Some lust no matter what I wear”

- If you are modest, he bears guilt alone
- Pr.7:10
- Mary Quant: “Mini-clothes are symbolic of those girls who want to seduce a man...”
- Mt.5:28