God's Word About Modesty

God's crystal-clear outline of modesty, veiling, intimacy, and purity for the heart, mind, and body of those seeking to inherit eternal life.



"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Matthew 5:8

Dedication & Introduction

This little booklet is dedicated to my godly wife of 35 years who loves being a sister-in-Christ, wife, mother, and my best friend! It is written for those sisters-in-Christ who are seeking to inherit eternal life. It is written solely from scripture for those truly seeking the purpose for which they were created. It is not written according to man's opinion or tradition, nor does it seek to win an argument or push some doctrinal position of men.

It chronicles the purity of nakedness in marriage between a husband and his wife, and the eternal consequences of such lustful pleasures committed outside of God-ordained marriage. It teaches us the purity commanded by Jesus in the gospel as He defines adultery. It gives, solely from the word of God, the definition of nakedness, the definition of modesty, and the eternal importance of daughters of the Heavenly Father submitting to the will of their Creator. Such submission goes against the flesh, the world, and the devil; but what a joy it is to serve our Creator according to the very purpose for which He created us!

Modesty is worthless unless it is joyfully fulfilled out of a love of God from all your heart, soul, and mind. This booklet is not written to teach morality to the lost soul, but to teach holiness to the sister that is seeking to inherit eternal life. It is written that we might obey the command of our Saviour Who commanded us,

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48

It is our prayer that you will receive the same joy of obedient service and be blessed to know the will of God, so that you might also possess the love, joy, and peace promised to those faithful to Him.

God Created Nakedness

Nakedness excites the flesh of both men and women and was ordained of God in marriage. The sight of the eyes of a husband or wife arouses a pure interest in each other that fulfils the plan of God. This, along with following God's command to the husband to love his wife, is a blessing from God for the married couple! This interest outside of marriage is not pure. There is no shame in the pleasure felt in marriage, nor is there any form of sin, in fact, this is "natural affection" as God ordained from the beginning. Read Genesis 2:18, 21-23,

"And the LORD God said,
It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him an help meet for him.
And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam,
and he slept: and He took one of his ribs,
and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib,
which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman,
and brought her unto the man. And Adam said,
This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh:
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Nakedness was created by God for the enjoyment of the husband and his wife together as Genesis 2:25 teaches,

"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

Yes, God created the "pleasure" or enjoyment of the two becoming one and chose this action to reproduce the world, but God gives some very strict warnings in Hebrews 13:4,

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

There is nothing sinful about the intimacy between a husband and his wife. A husband can lust over his wife's naked body without any fear of sinning, and the same is true for the wife's desire for her husband. They should care how each other feels. Their love creates unity and security. This attraction is holy and righteous. Please note that physical attraction will not keep a marriage together! A genuine love of God in the marriage shown by self-denial, crucifixion of the flesh, and following Jesus in His steps is the eternal glue that holds together the marriage of the saints.

Consequences of Nakedness

Intimacy in marriage is very natural, but where nakedness becomes a sin is in lust for a man or woman that is not your wife or husband. **Adultery** is when a married person breaks the covenant of marriage with God by having intimate relations with someone other than to whom they are married. **Fornication** is adultery, incest, or sexual immorality (between single individuals). **Uncleanness** is physical or moral impurity. **Lasciviousness** is exciting lustful passions through seductive movements. **Immorality** is lewdness, sinfulness, pornography, obscenity, and impurity. Knowing God's ordained purpose in marriage will help us to see how exceedingly sinful it is to take something so pure and holy and sin outside of marriage. These sins will keep every man from inheriting eternal life as found in Galatians 5:19-21,

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

<u>Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,</u> Idolatry, witchcraft,
hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings,
and such like: of the which I tell you before,
as I have also told you in time past,
that they which do such things
shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Even if a person claims to be "saved", no matter how long they attend "church", read the Bible, pray, or claim to be holy... NOT ONE PERSON WHO COMMITS THESE SINS WILL INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE... NOT ONE! Read the verse again...

Perhaps you think that this is only taught by God in one place in the scriptures, but it is not! Just as God taught us in His law "...in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established...", this is recorded for us many times that we may understand its importance and not overlook it. This creates the fear of God within us that we sin not. Read I Corinthians 6:9-10.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Read again as He questions... "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God...?" He then lists those sins that if practiced will keep ALL WHO COMMIT THEM from inheriting eternal life! Again, it does not matter how much someone claims to be "saved", they will not inherit the kingdom of God if they commit these sins. This is written so clearly using the word "know"! Read this next passage in Ephesians 5:5-6, 11-12,

"For THIS YE KNOW, that <u>no</u> whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath <u>any inheritance</u> in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience...

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame <u>even to speak of those things</u> which are done of them in secret."

Again, the Apostle Paul tells us, "...this ye know...", that no one that practices these sins hath "...ANY INHERITANCE in the kingdom of Christ and of God..." He then gives us some stern warnings and commands to which we must take heed. This is so important that you must read these chapters in context, so that you understand how gravely important it is!

First, he says, "Let no man deceive you with vain words..." Don't let any man tell you differently with "empty" words, for the wages of sin has always been death and you reap what you sow! Paul warns that you will receive the wrath of God upon you, just as the children of disobedience, no matter what the false teachers promise!

Next, he says in Ephesians 5:7-8,

"Be not ye therefore <u>partakers with them.</u> For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."

He commands those seeking eternal life to not be partakers with those practicing these sins, for you "used to" walk in darkness, but now you are "...light in the Lord: walk as children of light." As soon as you are partakers with them, you are no longer "children of light", but darkness, and you receive their judgment.

Read this other warning of not partaking with the sins of the children of darkness from Revelation 18:4,

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

God punishes all who practice these sins by refusing to give them eternal life, for they willingly choose sin over eternal life! Here, we are warned "...that ye be not partakers of her sins...", for all who partake or practice their sins will receive the same judgment as He explains, "...that ye receive not of her plagues." Don't listen to satan's false teachers who promise the blessings of God and eternal life to those who partake of the sins of the children of disobedience.

God commands His children not to have fellowship [friendship] with those who practice these sins, but to rather reprove or point out their sins to them in love. It is not only a shame to practice these sins and fellowship with those who do them, but it is a shame to even talk about these sinful ways! If God's children fellowship with those who practice these sins that keep man from inheriting eternal life, it is just a matter of time before God's children will be speaking of those shameful things also. If they speak of those things which God says, it is a shame to even speak of them, they will soon be so comfortable with these sins that they will no longer be shockingly wrong. Soon, they will practice these sins becoming the children of disobedience also!

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

Ephesians 5:11-12

God commands, "...have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness..." He gives this warning, because He knows the deceitfulness of sin, and He lovingly warns us to "Flee also youthful lusts..." These verses warn us that adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and immorality will keep everyone who practices them from inheriting eternal life. Yet, these sins are thought to be accepted as everyday life, because there is no fear of God. Take heed to God's warning... don't be deceived by sin!

Those seeking to inherit eternal life walk the narrow road that leads to life, not the broad road that leads to eternal damnation. God has called His church out of the world that we might be holy as He is holy and separate from sin as Jesus was separate from sinners [Hebrews 7:26].

Read John 15:19 as Jesus describes the life of those seeking eternal life.

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own:
but because ye are not of the world,
but I have chosen you out of the world,
therefore the world hateth you."

Jesus Defines Adultery

We have learned the penalty for committing these sexual sins, but listen as Jesus gives God's definition of adultery. You can see why this is such a battle. His teachings should open our eyes to the root problem that will cause so many to not inherit eternal life. Read Matthew 5:27-28,

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: <u>But I say unto you</u>, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her <u>hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.</u>"

Jesus said that if a man looks on a woman to lust after her, that man has already committed adultery with her, and remember Paul said, "...this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person... hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Men think that they can have filthy thoughts if they don't actually commit adultery. They say such jokes as, "You can look at the menu, but you just can't order!" Although some may think that this philosophy is funny, it is very deadly.

This is not an opinion of man, for this came right from the mouth of Jesus, the Author and Finisher of the faith! Again, remember the warning, "Be not deceived: neither <u>fornicators</u>, nor idolaters, nor <u>adulterers</u>, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind... <u>shall inherit the kingdom of God</u>." Don't you see now and understand how important modesty is, if you are truly seeking to inherit eternal life? Jesus spoke a parable that sounds shocking, but He proves His point of the utmost importance of looking at these sins as the death-giving acts that they are from Matthew 5:29-30,

"And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

Sin is openly practiced, for nakedness is accepted by the world and the "church". If you look at adultery, fornication, and uncleanness as the eternal death-causing acts that they are, you will obey God; but if you look at them as just a common everyday act, then you will easily sin! Jesus dramatically compares the importance of "crucifying" the deeds of our flesh to plucking out our eyes and cutting off our hands!

What Is Nakedness?

Since God created nakedness for the husband and wife's pleasure in marriage, He also defined in His Word what nakedness is. When Adam and Eve were created, they were naked. Since they did not know sin, they were not ashamed until they sinned in 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."

Notice how they tried to cover themselves up, which shows that they had a conscience that "told" them that they should cover themselves up! God even allowed this to be recorded that He might remove all doubt from our minds in Genesis 3:10,

"And he (Adam) said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Since they sinned, they knew what evil was... just as people have a conscience today... though they have hardened their hearts by practicing sin! God says that nakedness is a shame, and Jesus confirms this in Revelation 16:15, when Jesus warns His children to keep their garments.

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

Yes, nakedness is a shame! When God finally brought His judgment upon Babylon for enslaving His people, He gives us the definition of nakedness in Isaiah 47:2-3,

"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..."

God outlines three things that are nakedness in this verse. God says that nakedness is a "shame", yet people do not look at nakedness as God does. We see throughout history that when people were taken captive, they were "controlled" by being stripped of all clothes to their shame as we see prophesied by God in Isaiah 20:4,

"So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, <u>naked</u> and barefoot, even <u>with their buttocks uncovered</u>, to the shame of Egypt."

"...Uncover thy Locks..."

God defined nakedness as the "uncovering" of these women's bodies, which God included,

"...uncover thy locks... <u>Thy nakedness shall be uncovered</u>, yea, thy <u>shame shall be seen</u>..."

This means to remove the veil that covers the head is nakedness. The word "uncover" in Hebrew means to "denude in a disgraceful sense; stripped shamelessly". Next, the Hebrew word for "cover thy locks" means "to fasten on; a veil". So, the verse reads "to make nude in a disgraceful and shameless manner by removing a fastened-on veil". Notice that from the mouth of God, God calls the uncovering of the locks or head nakedness saying that their shame shall be seen.

Yes, nakedness is a shame, and women of the world understand the uncovering of the head as nakedness as they "doll up" themselves with fancy hairdos that attract attention to themselves. Advertising companies know this as nakedness as they exploit the models using them for financial gain! Men know this as nakedness, yet they love the "cheap thrill" of lusting over women even in the religious organizations called "churches"!

From the beginning of time, God has ordained that the woman's head is to be covered. We see this in Numbers 5:18 in the "sotah ritual" where a woman's head is uncovered to her shame if she is accused of adultery. Her head is uncovered showing that she has no protection from her husband since she has broken the marriage contract.

"And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and <u>uncover the woman's head</u>, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering..."

This passage teaches us that the uncovering of the head was a punishment for being accused of adultery. We also see this referenced in Isaiah 3:17 & 4:1-2 which connects the removal of the veil with nakedness and shame. The Talmud also supports this teaching that the Torah commands women to cover their heads in public. This covering is described throughout the Old and New Testament as an established style and article of clothing as well as an action to show modesty. The happiest women in the world fulfil the purpose for which God created them. The Old Testament shows us by the godly example of those who covered their heads to cover their pakedness!

In the Songs of Solomon, Solomon talks of the sensualness of his wife's locks or hair in Songs of Solomon 4:1 & 3,

"Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead... thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks."

This seduction is a gift from God for the married couple to enjoy each other. Since this is reserved for marriage, why do married women dress seductively in public supposedly to keep their husbands looking at them? Why then are married men [single men also] that claim to be "Christians" (Christ-like) lusting over other women? Why do they "take that second and third look" at their "sister-in-Christ"? Why does the long flowing beautiful hair of their friend's wife or daughter cause them to lust? Why do they access pornography? The "Bible belt" in the United States has for a long time been the largest consumers of pornography in the world! As religious institutions scramble to open homes and counseling for their immoral "supposed brethren", they blaspheme the name of Jesus Christ by their wicked lusts, which their "rule books" have fueled!

Peter commands women not to adorn themselves with apparel that brings attention to themselves in I Peter 3:1-3,

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands...
While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.
Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel."

This is a matter of the heart of the woman that is shown by her desire to obey God in purity and holiness. The chaste [clean; innocent; modest; pure] conversation [behavior] of a godly woman is shown by covering, not in that outward adorning of plaiting [elaborate braiding] the hair, or wearing of gold, and putting on clothes that draw attention to her body! How is she dressed? He says the adornment must be the hidden Man of the heart, which is Jesus Christ, Who commands us to be perfect as His Father in heaven is perfect. If she truly loves the Lord, she will joyfully dress modestly! Peter explains this in verse 4,

"But let it be the hidden Man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

What is inside is reflected on the outside! Seductive clothes promote the flesh of those who are desperately seeking to receive attention. This is not the goal of a sister seeking to inherit eternal life! Dressing herself in purity without selfish self-will is of great price in the eyes of her Saviour and God! This is the example given by all the godly women in both the Old and New Testaments and in the churches both Jewish and Gentile as Peter explains in I Peter 3:5-6,

"For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

The godly sister who is seeking to inherit eternal life is commanded to cover her head with a "veil" which "covers", not accents or decorates her head. This is not only "symbolic" of the husband being the head of the home as Christ is the head of the church, but it is actually an article of clothing that covers her nakedness. We know that all the holy women of old completely veiled their heads joyfully covering their nakedness with a two-part veil, because they loved the LORD. This covering is also described in I Corinthians 11:5-6, which tells us of an actual article of clothing that "wholly covers" the head as God has just explained. Paul did not invent this head covering with a veil; he simply taught new converts what God had allowed him to know from his birth. He was sent by God to teach the holiness of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her <u>head</u> <u>uncovered</u> dishonoureth HER head: for that is even all one as <u>if she were shaven</u>. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, <u>let her be covered</u>."

The Greek word "katakalupto" means "to cover wholly with a veil; to cover; to hide". Every woman that prays with her head not completely or wholly covered as every godly woman has from the beginning of time brings dishonor to her own physical head and to her husband who is her "head" (authority). She is disgraced as if she had shaved her head bald!

Today, it seems that people do not feel shame or disgrace for their open sins that they boast about practicing. There is no shame felt, because people have no fear of God nor of His judgment or a desire to inherit eternal life.

Paul did not outline the exact description of what a "head covering" was, for it was common knowledge that it "completely covered" a woman's head to cover her nakedness. The precedence had been set for thousands of years of what God expected of women to cover their nakedness. Paul did not "invent" the head covering, nor did he teach anything that was "new" or contrary to what God had ordained. Just as God does not change, the definition of nakedness and modesty from the eyes of God will never change just because the date changes. God called women to "completely cover" their heads for thousands of years, and He still feels the same today!

"For I am the LORD, I change not..." Malachi 3:6

Paul said that if a woman is not completely covered by a vail, it is as if she were shaven. He said if she does not want to be covered as God has shown us by the example of godly women who from the beginning of time have adorned themselves, then let her be shorn. A woman having her head shaved bald was a sign of God's judgment, yet it is accepted today in a perverted way. Paul says if she does not desire to be shaven to disgrace herself, she should submit to the will of God and keep her beauty for her husband that he might "uncover" her "nakedness" and enjoy her beauty.

Paul rebuked the Corinthian women who during prayer removed their coverings to expose their beauty. These Gentile women were not raised to cover their heads as it was not the custom in Corinth, but Paul had the responsibility to teach them godliness. Women love attention from men, and if the wife does not get the attention from her husband [his sin!], then she will seek attention from someone else. The world is full of "beautiful" models exposing their long flowing hair as men lust.

In what manner did holy women of old adorn themselves? We can see from history the consistent dress of those professing godliness from before the days of Abraham past the time of Christ to include the first church and the time thereafter, but what does the scripture teach us of this two-part veil and vail?

Are these two distinct coverings for the women as commanded by God being "ignored" because of the apostacy or "falling away" of those claiming to be "Christ-like" or Christians? As the "church" looks to stay just one-step from the world, they have taken their eyes off the LORD and now judge the definition of holiness as better than the world!

Yes, there are, and we know this solely through scripture which is the only guide for our walk with God! We will quickly outline the three types of coverings for the head of the women that cover what God calls "nakedness". Again, we have thousands of years of examples of the head covering as we know that these godly ladies completely covered their heads as also other religions followed, for it is taught in nature as Paul said in I Corinthians 11:13-15,

"Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering."

First is the natural God-given covering, which is a woman's hair as is explained in I Corinthians 11. This shows us that God created women to have long flowing hair. Does her hair as "a covering" mean that she does not wear a vail? Not according to God's definition of nakedness, which was "...uncover thy locks..." or unveil the head! If Paul was simply telling the women to have long hair when they prayed, were the ladies shorn or shaven already? This would be foolishness, which man uses to cover their lusts and women use to draw attention to themselves.

This booklet is not written to win an argument, for it is simply written for those looking for the truth that they might inherit eternal life. What people decide to do is their decision, and they will answer to God, but this booklet is written for those seeking to inherit eternal life with all their heart, soul, and mind. Many will want to argue, so that they can hold on to their sin or so they don't look "strange" while desiring to "fit in" with the world. They are ashamed of righteousness and ashamed of purity. Paul says that they are contentious against God in verse 16.

"But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God."

Why would a man not keep the beauty of his wife to himself? Why would a woman disobey God and expose the beauty that God ordained for her husband? How can they deny that women from the beginning of time have covered their heads to save themselves for their husbands? Why don't they see that the world feeds off such lies that keep them in bondage? Please read what Jesus said in John 8:34,

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

Secondly, we have the headscarf or shawl worn to cover the head. This scarf is the most common form of veil worn at all times in public. This could also be termed a "wimple" (Isaiah 3:22), which is "a headdress of cloth worn over the head and around the neck". Another definition is "A veil folded so as to cover the head and neck and closely frame the cheeks". This is the veil that was still on the heads of Rebecca and Ruth as they took off and put on the outer veil. Both of these godly ladies did not expose their nakedness by removing their veils in front of men. They were not exposing their nakedness, because of their headscarf or shawl worn to cover their head and neck. Both were pure virgins; therefore, we know that they were covered!

Thirdly, we see the outer veil or vail. This is described in the Old Testament using the Hebrew word for "vail" which is "*mitpachath*" and it means "a wide cloak for a woman – vail" and is found in Ruth 3:15. God describes these veils for us by using those who were faithful to Him and also those who received His judgment to describe what they wore to cover their nakedness. The veil was common knowledge and the accepted dress for godly women for all these years.

"Also he [Boaz] said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her..."

This again is the outer vail, for we see the description as Boaz even tells us about how large it is. Since Ruth was not a whore, she was still covered with the first vail that wraps the head that godly ladies wore at that time. Even the Moslems wear a similar type of veiling, which consists of two parts. What a shame that the heathens know what nature teaches... shouldn't sisters seeking to inherit eternal life also know?

He placed about four and a half gallons, which shows us that this "vail" **completely covered** her head.

This "outer covering" is also found in Genesis 24:65, (38:14&19)

"For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, [put a cloak over her head and veil] and covered herself."

This vail is the Hebrew word "tsa'iyph" meaning "to wrap over; a veil". Since she would have been "naked" in the eyes of the servant of Abraham, who was bringing her as a chaste virgin to Isaac, we know that she did not "uncover" herself in front of the servant. The vail she put on was a wrap over her hair along with a smaller veil. These godly women cared to stay pure in the eyes of their husbands and their God!

We also see another term for a veil in Song of Solomon 5:7,

"The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me."

This veil in the Hebrew is "radiyd" and means "in the sense of spreading; as expanded a veil; vail".

If we continue in I Corinthians 11:7, we see that the woman is to be covered for she is the glory of her husband.

"For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man."

Since women are the "glory" or blessing of their husbands as a gift from God – **listen to this** – <u>created especially from the beginning just for their husbands</u> – the husband has no excuse, but to show his appreciation for such a treasure by loving his gift from God! He enjoys her beauty alone in faithfulness to her by showing her love and affection, while also providing for her earthly needs of food, clothing, security, and protection. The wife joyfully covers herself, keeping herself for her husband or future husband, because she loves righteousness!

God knew exactly who was going to be your husband; therefore, He created them just for you! God commands the husbands to love their wives, and to give attention to their wives that they deserve, since they are such a blessing from God. Adam understood this in Genesis 2:23,

"And Adam said, This is now bone of <u>my</u> bones, and flesh of <u>my</u> flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was <u>taken out of Man</u>."

Women are not slaves; women are not second rate; women are not worth less than man; women are a gift from God to fulfil the special place in our hearts that we as men need. They are the blessed mothers that young men need to love and guide them into being the men that God created for them to be! They are the blessings to their husbands to sometimes help "raise him" to start fulfilling his role for which God created him! All of this is shown by the woman completely covering her nakedness. This goes back to the very purpose for which woman was created from Genesis 2:18!

"And the LORD God said, <u>It is not good that the man should be alone;</u> I will make him an <u>help meet</u> for him."

God created Eve to be a "help meet" or completer, that she might be ONE with her husband as they walk with God together. The world does not understand this, for they mock the perfect design of God for the home. Look at their homes... look at the chaos called homes in the religious not-for-profit businesses that do not obey this simple command! Women are told that God's role for them as the "help meet" for their husbands is bondage; yet look at the "liberated" women of today who are in bondage to sin, hatred, bitterness, and lust! This blessing that woman is to man is best explained in Proverbs 12:4,

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."

My wife is my blessing from God! God created her just for me! What a miracle that He made her exactly as I desired! I am to be her source of love, security, provision, and compassion! She saves her beauty for me, alone, **And** I have a huge "debt" of love owed to my Heavenly Father for creating her just for me! We are no longer two individuals thinking only of ourselves, but ONE as we serve God as Ephesians 5:31 reminds us,

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

We see two times that God commands for husbands to love their wives, and it should only come naturally to those who love the LORD with all their hearts to love their wives. Not only are men to love their wives, but they are to give their lives just as Christ gave His life for the church found in Ephesians 5:25 & Colossians 3:19,

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it."

Not only must husbands love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, but they must love their wives as much as they love their own bodies! If this were practiced... **there would be some very happy wives, indeed!** All know how much men love themselves... God says they must love their wife the same. In turn, she saves herself for him and submits to him to fulfil the role for which God created her! Read Ephesians 5:28,

"So ought men to love their wives <u>as their own bodies.</u> He that loveth his wife loveth himself."

This faithfulness to each other is the bond that this world is missing as religious institutions called churches are full of men seeking pornography and lusting over their "sisters in Christ" who are dressed seductively! Though on the outside they appear to have "monogamous" relationships with their spouses, something is very wrong with the relationship! Men lack the contentment in their lives to be satisfied with their wives. Read the rebuke that God gave His people in Jeremiah 5:7-8,

"How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken Me... when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

They were as fed horses in the morning:

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God said that He could not pardon the lustful acts of His people, because after He had blessed them with "plenty", they acted like animals lusting over their neighbor's wife. Many young men battle lust even in the religious not-for-profit businesses as the women are not completely covered to the thinking of God!

Wives seeking attention that the world promises adorn themselves to get the attention from men. They know the sensual powers that they have over men as they see the eyes of men staring and following them as they walk! This desire for attention was instilled in them from God, but it was meant to be holy and reserved for marriage as we read in Genesis 3:16,

"Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

The wife blames the husband who is lusting over other women for not covering herself as unto the LORD, and the husband blames the wife just as Adam blamed Eve for yielding to the serpent. Both need to realize that they will stand before God separately as individuals and will answer for themselves for not submitting themselves to God's commands! Someone in the home must take a stand for right and submit to God showing that they love the LORD with all their heart, soul, and mind. Sapphira in Acts 5:1-10 wishes today that she had taken a stand against her husband when they devised a plan to lie to the Holy Spirit of God! Sapphira now regrets listening to her husband Ananias! They both died by the hand of God, but she did not have to obey her husband when he told her to sin against God! They are both without excuse as they stand before God, just as women are today that say they cannot cover their heads, because their husband or their church will not allow them to submit themselves to God's ordained role for her. The truth is man loves to lust. and women love the attention that they get from being uncovered!

"...Make Bare the Leg..."

Returning to Isaiah 47:2-3, God also describes nakedness as

"...<u>make bare the leg</u>... Thy <u>nakedness</u> shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen..."

This is the portion of the leg from the knees down to the ankle. The world and most religious institutions encourage women to wear short dresses down to their knee, but the leg ("calf") of a woman in God's eyes is nakedness. It is amazing how many women and men live a lie of denial to the things that they know within themselves that causes such sin.

It is obvious what women wear to attract attention to their calves (legs). They wear high-heeled shoes that put their legs on a pedestal for all to lust after. This is looked at as "dressing up to play church"! Instead of covering themselves before God and the brethren, they seem to want to be the center of attention! They also wear ankle bracelets to attract men's eyes to their legs by the "tinkling" of these "lures". For men, this makes praying very difficult! This is explained in Isaiah 3:16-17,

"Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are <u>haughty</u>, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and <u>making a tinkling with their feet</u>: Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts."

These daughters were supposed to be godly, but they were proud women strutting like peacocks trying to "catch" men with their lustful eyes. Again, women know how to "catch" men, as they love the attention that "nakedness" and sensual dressing causes. They were not "modest", for they walked drawing attention to themselves swinging their bodies in a sexy manner [mincing] as their ankle bracelets [tinkling] attracted attention to their bodies. God said that His punishment for them was to smite with a scab or "baldness" due to disease, and that He would cause them to be naked to their shame! Though God loves women, He shows His hatred for this sin by saying that their sweet smell shall become a stink and their seductive clothing shall be a rent! He describes His hatred of such a wicked practice in verse 24,

"And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness..." The story of Achan is one more great illustration of this progression to sin. God had commanded him not to take of the spoil of the heathen. Achan disobeyed God, but listen as Achan describes the progression to sin that caused him to disobey God in Joshua 7:21,

"When <u>I saw</u> among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then <u>I coveted them</u>, and <u>took them</u>; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."

He saw what he was commanded not to touch; he coveted or desired it by thinking about it; and then he took it bringing the wrath of God upon him. God hates sin, that's why He has given us examples of how He dealt with His people in the past warning us not to sin as they sinned.

Such an illustration is found in I Corinthians 10:6 &11,

"Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted...

Now all these things happened unto them <u>for ensamples</u>:

and they are written for our admonition..."

If you think that you would not fall, read I Corinthians 10:12,

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

How women professing godliness covered their heads and their bodies from the beginning of time is still God's thinking, and He left them as role models that we might know how to keep from sin that causes eternal separation from Him. These are examples or role models for all sisters seeking to inherit eternal life. We must follow Jesus Who left us as the light of the world that the world might see our holiness as our Father is holy, for Jesus commanded this in Matthew 5:16,

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Notice it is the sight of the eyes that incites the lust within. This again shows us part of the definition of modesty for those seeking to inherit eternal life.

How this lust begins is explained very well in James 1:14,

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Where is sin conceived? Well, we must know the definition of the word "conceived" to know for sure.

Conceive – transitive verb – to form in the mind; to imagine or think; to understand; to grasp as a concept.

All of this happens in the mind, just as Jesus said, "...committed adultery with her already in his heart [mind]." James tells us that every man is drawn away of his own lust and by fleshly desires which comes through the light of the body which is the eyes. When "lust hath conceived" or fleshly desires are formed in the mind, it produces sin which is destined to be practiced, because the desire compels them to fulfil their lustful desires. Once this happens, their sin brings forth eternal death. The wages of sin is death, and this fear compels us to flee fornication and youthful lusts by covering according to God's definition of covering!

God left the scriptures for our benefit that we might see from the mistakes of others the danger of seeing nakedness. Men are "aroused" through the sight of teasing of immodest, tight, formfitting, low-cut, short, and revealing clothing more than complete nakedness. Women know how to "entice" men by their seductive dress. Some even brag that this is the very reason that they "broider" or "doll up" their hair. They spend hours looking through the clothing store for just the right clothes that will render themselves "sexy", alluring, and stunning! Again, this is proven by all the advertising that promotes the sale of just about any product using long haired sexually attractive women promising fleshly satisfaction. Sensuality, nakedness, and seduction sells products faster than any other stimulus known to the advertising industry. Men love to be teased and tantalized, and women love the attention that immodest dressing brings to them!

The desire for attention [which God placed within them for the attention of their own husbands in the privacy of their intimate bedroom] causes them to be "immodest", which is causing attention to themselves and their body! The sight of such a woman lights the fire of lust in men! A sister seeking to inherit eternal life does not want her brother in Christ to sin by causing him to lust over her body that God gave to her husband!

We can see the consequence of nakedness outside of marriage to the mind of saints seeking eternal life. What is seen is immediately recorded in our brains to be "played back" at any time! Every time nakedness is "seen", a new battle for the mind begins by the sight of the eyes. Remember, the sight of the eyes is for the pleasure of the husband and wife alone! It is bad enough that we see the nakedness of this world, but this should not be practiced in the fellowship of the saints.

We have touched basically about the sight of the eyes, but Jesus will explain how important what we see is to our thinking and our walk with Him. In Matthew 6:22-23, Jesus defines sight and the effect it has upon the entire body.

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.

If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

What we see brings in either light or purity in marriage or darkness and lust outside of marriage. To put this into better perspective; a husband seeing his wife's nakedness brings in light and righteousness, but a man seeing the nakedness of another woman brings in darkness and sin. If the desire for righteousness is within the child of God, he turns away from such a sight rejecting the wrong thoughts that lead to committing adultery in his heart. This happens daily in our lives as the entire world does not dress modestly as God commands.

Temptation is very common to every man as we read in I Corinthians 10:13,

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Yes, every man is tempted each and every day as God tests man to see if he will love the LORD with all his heart, soul, and mind, or if he will give in to the temptations and yield to satan's attempt to steal his eternal soul! This temptation comes from within the man, and God does not tempt man to sin, nor will God ever tempt man to do wrong. God has warned man not to sin by giving man His holy laws for man's benefit!

David, a man after God's own heart, sinned against God by such sight of the eyes, and by allowing this sin to control not only his thinking, but his actions. Many use his sin as an excuse to sin, but they forget the utter destruction that this sin caused for the rest of his life and for his family.

We read of his lust through sight in II Samuel 11:2,

"And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon."

Upon seeing this, David had not sinned yet..., for he could have turned his head and stopped thinking about what had aroused his flesh, but he did not do that. He inquired of her, called for her, and committed adultery that he had already committed in his heart! Perhaps, if she were single, he could have proposed marriage to her and then married her after reproving her for washing herself in plain sight of anyone to see.

Who was to blame for all this? Both David and Bathsheba, though David as the King is without excuse! Bathsheba had to have known that the king was within eye view of where she was washing. She should not have been bathing in any place that she would possibly be seen by anyone. Without judging, is it possible that the outcome of this story is exactly what she wanted? Once summoned by the king, she did not have to come, and she did not have to commit adultery with him.

We see that she had a responsibility to God to cover her body to maintain her purity, for she was married to one of King David's most faithful men! Every sister in Christ has this same responsibility to God and to the brethren... and yes, even to be the light to the world... of what God has commanded is blameless and harmless and without rebuke in this crooked and perverse world!

Sin begins as the eyes and mind begin to wander due to lack of contentment whether single or married. Nothing in this world satisfies, as their lustful cravings for more sin is never satisfied. Pornography, nudity, and nakedness are all lusts that start in the mind, because of sight, and will never bring satisfaction.

This lust can only spur on a stronger desire for more leading to the point of pure depravity, in order to try to "satisfy" the beastly lust. Listen to God's commandment about being content with your own wife, etc. in Exodus 20:17,

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

Do you now understand why satan seeks to remove God's law?

"Uncover the Thigh"

Lastly, God says "...uncover the thigh...", which is the portion of the leg from the knee to the hips. Many religious institutions allow, if not encourage, slitted skirts, short "mini" skirts, and tight form-fitting skirts that leave nothing to the imagination. God calls all of this, "nakedness", no matter what man calls this cloth. This is the definition of nakedness right from the mouth of God, very clearly given that man might know the thinking of God that does not change with the "times".

God also explained that the hips and the thighs are nakedness as He outlined what the priests should wear in Exodus 28:40, 42&43

"And for Aaron's sons...thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach...that they bear not iniquity, and die..."

They were to cover their legs (loins to thighs) under their robes... "...that they bear not iniquity...". These are the words of God! Nakedness is a shame, and it is a shame that men do not care that their wives and daughters are naked, immodest, or seductive! It is a shame that religious institutions have rule books that promote seductive, tight, short, see through, uncovered, and revealing clothing that is more teasing than nakedness! Why is there so much immoral behavior in the lives of all, including those in religious institutions that claim "Christianity"? It is because they refuse to cover up their nakedness, for they have their own opinions that contradict God's definition of nakedness!

The importance of covering your nakedness cannot be emphasized enough as the words of Jesus warned us in Matthew 5:27-28,

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever <u>looketh on a woman to lust after her</u> hath <u>committed</u> adultery with her <u>already in his heart</u>."

Sin keeps man from walking with God, and sin starts within the mind. What you see controls what you think about, for it makes pictures in the mind. A man looking at "nakedness" as defined by God has a battle in his mind to not lust after that "nakedness"! If he loses that battle, he will commit adultery in his heart as if he has already been with her! No adulterer, fornicator, or lascivious person will inherit eternal life.

The scriptures are filled with warnings against lust and nakedness, for God knows the severe penalty for committing such sins. Throughout the book of Proverbs, Solomon gives his son warnings about a "strange woman" or a "whorish woman". He warns against lusting and dwelling upon her beauty after seeing her as in Proverbs 6:25,

"Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids."

Some very important pieces of information are usually overlooked in this passage. Read the next verse,

"For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life."

Imagine the comparison of a woman turning him into a "piece of bread". This parable helps us to understand that even the strongest and most holy person that puts himself in such temptations can be devoured by such a seductive woman! If you don't believe this, read the next verse:

"Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife;

whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent."

Oh, how proud and foolish men are that put themselves in temptation daily with dealings with women other than their wives. They are like oxen to the slaughter as Proverbs 7:22,

"He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;
Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life."

Again, look at the movies, commercials, media, billboards, and television that know how seductively dressed women all "dolled up" daily cause foolish men to make decisions out of lust using nakedness. If women only knew how men think, they would know that God's warnings about immodesty are for the benefit of sisters seeking eternal life. Men are enslaved to lust which destroys marriages, relationships, and the natural affection that men should have with their wives, daughters, sisters-in-Christ, and the ungodly. Men are liars, and women are foolish if they trust "men" in such situations… just ask all the divorce attorneys!

Job knew of this danger also; therefore, he made a covenant with his eyes that he would not lust over a woman as he explains in Job 31:1,

"I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?"

Multitudes of men have fallen prey to the lusts of the flesh to their own destruction. Solomon, the "wisest man in the world", was destroyed by "outlandish women" and ended up building temples to false gods for these women that allured him into sin in Nehemiah 13:26,

"Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin."

Samson was the "strongest man", but he too destroyed himself by his lusts as he explains the lust that had developed in his heart as he commands his father "...get her for me to wife." in Judges 14:2,

"And he came up and told his father and his mother, and said, I have <u>seen</u> a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife."

His foolish lusts did not stop with her alone, for lust is not satisfied by adultery or fornication, and soon he was tricked and deceived causing his death, because of his lusts as is recorded in Judges 16:16-17,

"And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; That he told her all his heart..."

God warns in Proverbs 7:14, 18-19 of the "strange woman" who seems religious "...I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows." Perhaps, this woman is in religious institutions looking to destroy pure men? This particular "strange woman" is in a "monogamous" relationship with her husband, but listen how she destroys men, "Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning... For the goodman is not at home...." How foolish men are to allow themselves to be tempted by her! Why would a godly woman who is seeking to inherit eternal life not completely veil her head and cover her body in purity that she sin not against God and her fellow brethren? Why would those married not cover their bodies to save their form and nakedness for each other?

God warns man not to put himself in such a temptation, but to be content with his own wife. God says to be ravished "be intoxicated" with his wife's body!

Listen to God's warning in Proverbs 5:15-20,

"Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed:

and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?"

Not listening to this warning is the cause of divorce and immoral activity! Men working right alongside women, who are working outside the protection of their husbands, daily interact with each other tempting their flesh to sin. The natural desire in a man to lust and the natural desire in a woman for attention and security draws her to any man that gives her attention. Every man that "...looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart..." and "...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Paul warns every person seeking to inherit eternal life in I Thessalonians 5:22,

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."

What does God think of those who "fall therein" to the deep pit that a "strange woman" sets for him? Read Proverbs 22:14,

"The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein."

A strange woman is any woman that men are not ordained of God to lust over i.e. every woman that dresses seductively, allures through dress, and is not a keeper at home, nor married to you. This is the definition of "strange women" to all seeking to inherit eternal life!

"For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house."

Proverbs 5:3-6&8

God knows that nakedness causes lust and sin as can be seen in the lives of those who break God's law. God warned against incest in Leviticus 18:6-16,

"None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover... The nakedness of thy sister...

The nakedness of thy son's daughter...

even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover...

The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter...

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister...

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife..."

This is laughed at today, yet look at all the incest, child abuse, and rape in families and in religious institutions who reject the thinking of God found in His law and do not take seriously the commandments of God about not seeing the nakedness of anyone. Religious institutions are building ministries to help their sinful members with lust and pornography faster than they are building churches! Sin reigns as king in the hearts and minds of those professing "Christianity", but this must not be the case for the sister who is sincerely seeking to inherit eternal life!

Does this only apply to men lusting over women? Is modesty only one-sided? No, in no way, for we see that God revealed the sensual thoughts of the women who lusted over the enemy soldiers as God goes into great detail of what "aroused" the sexual passion within these women who at first saw the "images" of these men (as history records for us) in "tight" form fitting uniforms that outlined their masculine bodies, muscles, legs, etc.

Upon seeing and lusting over {doting upon} these men who did not dress as the "boring" modest and completely covered Israelites that obeyed God, these women sinned in Ezekiel 23:12-18,

"She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbours, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men...

And that she increased her whoredoms:
for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to...

And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, ...and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness.."

Women are just as human as men, and they too must guard their minds lest they are not content with God's design in marriage. Notice the phrase "...for when she saw...." Sight is the first step to sin as the eyes are the portal to the mind and heart. We can see this illustrated as God reveals the thought process of Eve, "the mother of all living", when she sinned through the same process in Genesis 3:6,

"And when the woman <u>saw</u> that the tree was good for food, and that it was <u>pleasant to the eyes</u>, and a tree <u>to be desired</u> to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Here is the progression to sin: she first saw the fruit; then she coveted or "...it was pleasant to the eyes...", which went right into her mind and heart; and then she took of the fruit! No matter what the temptation, this is the same progression to yielding to sin that all men go through in their minds and hearts. This teaches us that it is imperative that godly sisters and brothers do not cause others to sin by being immodest!

Sisters seeking to inherit eternal life, keep your mind content with the perfect design of God for marriage. Be content in whatever situation that God has for you according to His will that you might have peace, for "there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Learn that your Heavenly Father knows the situation in which you are... please yield all to Him that He might give to you those things that will enable you to endure to the end and inherit eternal life as you walk with Him on this earth. Read what Paul encouraged Timothy in I Timothy 6:6-8,

"But godliness with contentment is great gain.

For we brought nothing into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

The deceitfulness of sin causes the heart to grow cold to conviction for "everyone is doing it" as if they are "playing sports"! God has not changed, and those seeking eternal life must "flee youthful lusts" as we are commanded in II Timothy 2:22,

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

It is impossible to follow righteousness, faith, true love, and peace out of a pure heart with God's people and dress immodestly!

God's Definition of Modesty

Now that Jesus has explained how these sins cause adultery, and we see that the sight of the eyes causes both men and women to lust, it is very important that those of us who desire to inherit eternal life know and obey God's definition of modesty that we do not cause a brother or sister to fall from grace. We understand that the sight of nakedness, seduction, uncovering, and revealing the body that God has reserved only for marriage causes one to commit adultery "...with her already in his heart".

This booklet is written to those seeking to know what God has said that we sin not against Him. God's thinking about modesty has not changed throughout the years! Paul commands women to dress modestly in I Timothy 2:9-10,

"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;

But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

He commands that women seeking to inherit eternal life dress in modest clothing or, in other words, clothing that does not draw attention to themselves. Shamefacedness means that they are to be "bashful" or "with downcast eyes" toward men that are not their husbands. This is not depression, but a "meek and quiet spirit", which is the opposite of sexual aggressiveness of the harlot. Sisters seeking eternal life are also to have "sobriety", which is self-control towards other men, not seeking the attention of other men except her husband. Read I Peter 3:4,

"But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

The "hidden man of the heart" is the Lord Jesus Christ within the woman. He is glorified by her godly "spirit" or attitude, which is completely contrary to the spirit of this world and the women of this world. Her "decoration" or ornament is a "not self-willed" and quiet attitude that patiently submits to God out of genuine love. If women were honest with themselves, they would admit that they know that the "supposed modest" dresses accepted today in the world and the religious institutions are more "tantalizing" than complete nakedness as these women "tease" the men that look upon them.

God has placed the desire for attention within a woman! Are there no godly husbands that pay attention to their wives, so they don't desire the attention of other men? Are there no godly wives that will cover their bodies and please their husbands, so they do not act like animals looking for prey? Are there no godly fathers who care that their daughters are pure in the sight of God and not the object of lust of the young men around them? Why would they sin against God and cause their brother or sister in Christ to sin in their minds? Jesus said that we are the light of the world; therefore, the sight of God's children should always be light... not darkness at all. Paul begs the brethren to be blameless and harmless without rebuke in Philippians 2:15,

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

Those seeking to inherit eternal life cannot be blameless and harmless if you dress, talk, act, and think like the world. You are to be the light of the world, and you must bring light to the mind of men!

The consequences for adultery in the heart and mind of man is eternal damnation! Why then would you want to defraud your husband or wife by teasing others with the body that belongs to your spouse? What man sees is what he will think about, for the eye is the light of the body that goes directly to the mind. What is in the mind goes directly to the heart... no matter how "holy" you think you are!

Those seeking eternal life must be "modest" by not attracting attention to themselves, their bodies, their form, or having their head unveiled, exposing their legs, thighs, or chests. This brings darkness into the minds of anyone that sees it. This modesty is not up for "interpretation", for nakedness or seductive clothing outside of marriage is "immodest" in accordance to God's definition [and He is the Judge of all men]. It is not the opinion of the person, the religious institution's rule book, or the elder, but the thinking of God.

The more sin is practiced, the more the conscience of man is "seared with a hot iron" [I Timothy 4:2] to the point that wrong is no longer offensive, even though all sin is offensive to God. Though man's thinking about sin adapts to his upbringing, environment, and the "times", God's thinking is always righteous; therefore, for man to be right with God, he must conform to God's thinking, not his own philosophy.

Just because "everyone is doing it" does not make it right as we see in the life of Noah. God called Noah "righteous", and he was the only one spared with his family from the flood that destroyed the entire world population. The world lived as they pleased, yet Noah lived and thought as God thought, not as the world thought and practiced.

"And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation." Genesis 7:1

Sin is openly accepted even in the religious institutions claiming to be "Christian", yet they too have taken on the thinking of the world. We live in the time of the great falling away. As the world takes their clothes off, religious institutions have decided that a skintight, form fitting, short, revealing, and seductive dress is the new "standard" for modesty! This was, of course, determined by a council of MEN! Could it be that they enjoy nakedness? Remember **man's opinion** of modesty is based upon upbringing, the fads of the times, and his own cold heart that is used to such nakedness. God does not think any differently today.

God punished nakedness in the past, and He does the same today! What He thought about nakedness and sin, He still thinks. Listen to His own words from Isaiah 55:8-9,

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

It is your responsibility to practice God's thoughts that you might inherit eternal life! God has given us examples of thousands of godly women throughout the scriptures who covered their bodies from head to toe! Remember, you will be judged by God and His word, not the religious institution's rule book, the elder, the denomination, or your own feelings of "standards and convictions". Unfortunately, most want to go by their own justification of wrong as they compare themselves to others, the world, or truthfully their own lusts. Perhaps, they are ashamed to go out into public dressed modestly as God has defined it.

"They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them." I John 4:5

Women know how to attract a man, but they perhaps think that it is "innocent" teasing, but God calls it adultery! Are they ashamed to cover their bodies? Are they ashamed of the holiness that God commanded? Do they really want to fit in and be comfortable? Going by their own "standards" or "convictions" instead of submitting to God's clearly outlined commandments is the cause of all the immoral activity that is daily practiced as if it is normal.

The world agrees with God's definition of nakedness. The world knows this, for the advertisers use seduction, immodesty, nakedness, and the teasing of sight to promise their prospective buyers a sinfully pleasurable time if they purchase their product. They show women with unveiled heads, seductively styled hair, painted faces to attract the eyes, skimpily covered bodies, and an impudent look of lustful pleasures promising satisfaction in an eternally damning sin that will never bring satisfaction to anyone! God has defined nakedness as "...uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh..." and any man that would be honest will admit that God's definition of nakedness is true.

Yes, as can be seen everywhere, man's pride is bringing him low as he "falls into sin" by making provision for his flesh and surrounding himself with nakedness as defined by God Almighty. Man is warned to cover his body, his wife's body, and his children's... but who will listen? The truth of salvation has been watered down by satan, and the religious institutions known as "not for profit businesses" have bought his doctrines of devils and have established them as the gospel, so they no longer have the fear of God. How can they turn from sin unless they fear or have an obedient reverent respect for His commandments? Read what Paul teaches us in II Corinthians 5:11,

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

It is by the fear of the LORD that men depart from evil as man realizes that what God promised as the consequences of their sins will come upon them leading them to eternal judgment for these sins!

What Does Nakedness Cause?

Those that have conformed to the thinking of this world will hate this teaching, for it is contrary to the sin that they love. What they call love is really lust, for we know that "love is of God"; therefore, any form of love outside of what God has ordained is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life and is not true love. If we continue reading in Isaiah 4:1, we see the condition of the present world as women are independent of anything that God created them to be! It is explained that upon judgment day as all will stand before God to be judged according to their works, these independent women will be condemned for not fulfilling the purpose for which God created them.

"And in that day seven women shall take hold of <u>one</u> man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."

Just because men have refused to lead in the home as the "head", does not give the wife permission to disobey God! The independent "equal rights" feminists and all who follow their anti-God philosophy [which has become the accepted thinking of most churches!] will be condemned before God, for no matter how big their mouths are, they will receive the wrath of God.

They will beg "seven" men to marry them [a parable to show how extreme], so that they will not be seen by God as the disobedient women that they are! This explains their lack of the fear of God regarding openly exposing their nakedness by uncovering and exposing their bodies!

Read Isaiah 3:12 as it explains the condition of the world and most churches today.

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

Yes, because Mommy is not at home loving and caring for her children as God ordained, the children oppress as they do today to the point that they are put on prescription drugs to control them!

This "disobedient to parents" is a sign of the last days as prophesied in II Timothy 3:1-2,

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy..."

Notice, men are lovers of their own selves; therefore, who is loving their wives? Who is giving to their wives the honour and respect commanded by God? Who is making them feel secure? Men's disobedience has created a "vacuum" effect since their lack of acting as God ordained for them leaves a void in the home, church, and hearts of their wives and children. Since men are not men... the women have had to "fend for themselves", and we can see the devastating results in the home. Men have refused to lovingly lead their homes in humility before God, so women seeking the security that God placed within them to be one with their husbands have now found a way to be secure without them, knowing they cannot depend upon their husbands for love and security! Now, they accept satan's role that the world teaches, and they no longer obey God's role for women from Titus 2:3-5.

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to <u>be sober</u>, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

God designed that the older godly women teach the younger women to be "sober" or serious minded about fulfilling their God-given role as a wife, mother, and sister in the fellowship of believers. They are also to teach them "to love their husbands", which can be very difficult sometimes, especially if the man does not fulfil his God-given role.

From the beginning of time, godly ladies have always worn robes down to their feet to cover their legs. Though it may be hard for someone who is used to seeing women's legs uncovered each day to understand that this is sinful, since it is accepted in everyday life, God calls it "nakedness"! Again, because man's heart is so hardened by all the open nakedness of the world, he calls this extreme. Women love to draw attention to themselves, and most are not ashamed to proclaim this either! Satan knows that once a man stares this far, he is close to being hooked by adultery!

Warning To Prevent Sin

When the people that God had just delivered from Egypt's bondage turned away from Him, what is the first thing they did that showed what wickedness was in their hearts? Read Exodus 32:25,

"And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)"

Yes, you guessed it, "...the people were naked..."! Jesus told us that we could tell false teachers who taught false doctrine by their fruit [Matthew 7:16, 20]. These false teachers have their own "definition" of nakedness as their women are not veiled with a veil that covers their head. They expose their legs, thighs, or their clothing is so tight that it reveals their shape leaving nothing to the imagination. Remember, Jesus said "...whosoever looketh on a woman to lust..."; therefore, we see God's definition of nakedness as anything that a woman wears that causes a man to lust after her.

When a king turned away from God, he encouraged nakedness as we see how wicked Ahaz was in II Chronicles 28:19,

"For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD."

The Apostle Paul teaches the thinking of God about the intimate relationship between a husband and wife in I Corinthians 7:1-5,

"Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me:

It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife,
and let every woman have her own husband.

Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence:
and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband:
and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body,
but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for
a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer;
and come together again,
that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

Paul here warns that it is wonderful to touch your wife, but to touch another woman will excite an impure lust for that woman that is against the law of God. To avoid fornication; therefore, let every man have his own wife and every woman her own husband. This is the cause of divorce in the not-for-profit businesses called churches and in this wicked world caused by sensual dress, nakedness, and access to pornography, movies, and television.

God has given us a way of escape that we might have victory over our flesh and inherit eternal life. As we will read, these temptations are "common to man", but thank the LORD, He has provided for us a "way to escape" if we will take it, found in I Corinthians 10:13,

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

God has outlined this way of escape throughout His Word. We must read it, learn it, and take heed to it that we might inherit eternal life. Every person desiring eternal life must overcome this obstacle, for this is the very basics of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Read Luke 9:23,

"...If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

First, Jesus said that those seeking to inherit eternal life must deny themselves of their own life, plans, desires, and way and come to God poor in spirit as He explained in Mattthew 5:3,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

Poor in spirit means crushed, humbled, broken, and beggarly in their attitude toward God. This is reflected in everything that they do, which includes covering their bodies as God has commanded according to His "interpretation" of modesty. God explains "poor in spirit" in Isaiah 57:15,

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

As we humble ourselves to God with a "broken" or contrite spirit [completely penitent or full of remorse], we must deny ourselves of our own sinful way completely humbled or broken before God that He might dwell with us. Next, we must "take up our cross" or as Paul explained in Galatians 5:24,

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

We must take up our cross to put to death our own desires and lusts and cravings that we might submit ourselves to God. Jesus led by example as He died to His own desires that He might redeem or buy us back from sin. The cross that we must bear for Him is to turn from sin as we crucify the lusts in our heart, mind, and body!

Lastly, we must "follow" Jesus, for He is the perfect example sent from our Heavenly Father that we might be conformed [made like; fashioned] to His image or like Him. He lived a holy and sinless life, and we are to do the same by the power of God. We read this in I Peter 2:21-22,

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth."

Jesus explains following Him in Mark 13:13,

"And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

You must endure unto the end faithful to God, for you are saved by faith, because God showed His grace upon you. This faithfulness to God is how every man has ever been saved from the beginning of time, for no man has ever been able to keep the law perfectly, yet God in His grace rewards man's faith shown by his obedience or faithfulness in his life to God! Paul explains this in Philippians 2:12,

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Obviously, few will be saved as Jesus promised, for very few are working out their own salvation or deliverance from sin with fear and trembling! They fear man and his religious institution's rule book, but they do not fear God Who is the consuming fire that will not allow them to inherit eternal life. They will cry out to God on the day of judgment, but He will profess to them that He never knew them, because of their sins as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:21-23,

"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."

There is not a man alive or that has ever lived or will live that can make you disobey God based upon their own opinion! God has not commanded you to obey anyone that compromises with satan on sins that cause you to not inherit eternal life!

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Ephesians 5:6

Don't listen to their empty words... fear God and keep His commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ, dear sisters and brethren seeking to inherit eternal life, for many will try to dissuade you from obedience to God! Love the LORD and the word of your testimony!

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Revelation 12:11

Perhaps you are a single sister, please protect your purity and save yourself for the purpose for which you were created. God did not create you to tease and tantalize others. Whatever His will is for your life, He desires that you are holy as He is holy! It is far easier to go along with what everyone else is doing, especially in the religious institutions that deceive the heart with compromises that appear "morally decent"!

If you are seeking eternal life, please keep yourself in the love of God by obeying His will which is found in I Thessalonians 4:3-5,

"For this is the will of God, <u>even your sanctification</u>, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God."

Your sanctification means your purification and holiness. Paul commands all those seeking eternal life to refrain or hold yourself back from fornication which is "harlotry" or having the attire that seduces men. God desires that you live in purity and "esteem with the highest honour" or caring to be the light that enters the eyes of your brethren! He says not longing for forbidden things like men "drooling" over your uncovered body. Sanctify or purify yourself in the love of God and save yourself for His perfect will that you might inherit eternal life! May you endure unto the end and hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant (daughter)!"

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