

A close-up photograph of a woman's hands holding a dark purple Bible with gold lettering that reads "HOLY BIBLE". She is wearing a light-colored, textured sweater. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with warm, golden light. The text "Clothed by God's Standards" is overlaid on the right side in a yellow, cursive font, framed by thin yellow lines.

# Clothed by God's Standards

Genesis 3:21

# Why Wear Clothes?



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- When Adam and Eve were created, they did not wear clothes at all (Gen. 2:25).
- Then comes knowledge of good and evil, and with it came shame of nakedness (Gen. 3:7-11).
- God gave them sufficient clothes to cover their bodies up to an appropriate degree (Gen. 3:21).
- If you were completely naked and someone walked in on you, your first consideration would be to cover up.
- It is not enough to tell some one to follow their conscience (Rom. 1:18-31).



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# What Should We Cover

- God provided a particular garment for Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:21; cf. Ex. 28:4).
- He provided specific garments to cover specific body parts (Ex. 28:42).
- Nakedness is also associated with breasts and loins (Ezek. 16:7).
- Notice also that provisions are made to remain covered in the course of the day (Ex. 20:26).
- Don't try to cover something in a way that leaves it exposed.



# This Is About the Heart

- Some will use this as a dismissive argument as to any detailed discussion (1 Pet. 3:4)
- The heart is of particular consideration when we are talking about your focus on clothing (1 Tim. 2:9-10).
- Even here, there is a consideration of lust (Rev. 17:1-6).
- The heart issue here is, will you look to God to provide a standard (cf. Matt. 19:22).
- Will you let Him train your conscience to know where shame lies?



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