

Please read them carefully. *"The rule for the holy women of the New Testament time extending down to our day is not different from what was the rule for the holy women of the Old Testament time, resting as it does on a Divine appointment in the earthly constitution"* (I Peter Commentary, p. 163). In other words, God's law concerning modest and immodest dress began in Eden, and was then taught in the New Testament.

Voices From Others Concerning Immodest Dress

"God desired that they be more fully clothed, and he made other clothing--coats--from skin. It is not the will of God that people cover just "the bare minimum". (Bobby Graham, commenting on Genesis 3:21, *Guardian of Truth*, Vol. 39, p. 9)

"Immodesty is an area that has a direct relationship between that individual and worldliness or godliness! Everyday we can open up our newspaper and see ads enticing one to buy immodest apparel...I wonder what these ads are really trying to sell." (Richie Thetford, *Guardian of Truth*, Vol. 39, p.10)

"...We are all judged by the way we dress whether we like it or not. That's why, when you go on a job interview, you're not going to wear a bummy T-shirt and jeans. You're going to wear something to impress the people, so that they see you're a responsible person (Especially if you're a teen!). Either dress the way you want to be treated or deal with the consequences..." (Amber Herring, 16, Wyoming, Del., *Parade Magazine*, Oct. 30, 1994, p. 10)

These quotes are submitted with the hope that including such thoughts will help us put immod-

est dress in its proper perspective. No, these people are not our authority, the Bible is. At the same time, their words are based on Biblical principles. Let us be as wise as the young girl who, even at 16 years old, understood how important it is to be dressed modestly.

Conclusion

Let us keep in mind that the shorts and other articles of dress the world may enjoy wearing are like the aprons God exchanged for the proper clothing in Genesis 3. These articles of dress that expose the thighs, or other parts of the body, leaving little or nothing to the imagination, fall short of the principles of demeanor and dress established by God, and recognized by godly people through the centuries.

Please keep in mind that this standard was set by God in the beginning. What constitutes partial or complete nakedness is not dictated by culture, or custom, but by God. God clothed the first people with coats/tunics of skins (Gen. 3:21). Since that time, He has expected His people to be clothed, not partially naked (I Pet. 3:5).

Friends, let us go back to the Bible standard, and then ask ourselves whether or not we are dressing ourselves, and our children in a way that God deems modest. Let us take these words to heart and never for-

get that there are spiritual consequences that we must face if we choose to dress immodestly!

Think On These Things:

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

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