



Daily Verse and Comment

Genesis 2:24-25

(24) Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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Scripture is very clear about the place of nakedness—and it certainly is not in public! [Genesis 2:25](#) establishes the bounds of nakedness: Between a man and his wife, there is no shame. Any exposure beyond these bounds incurs [sin](#).

Leviticus 18 covers laws of sexual morality, using a euphemism, "uncovering nakedness," to represent sexual misconduct. For instance, verse 6, "None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD." Viewing the nakedness of someone who is not one's spouse, then, breaks the [seventh commandment](#), "You shall not commit adultery" ([Exodus 20:14](#)). Jesus amplifies this in His [Sermon on the Mount](#) by saying, "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" ([Matthew 5:28](#)). A person sexually aroused by the sight of another who is not his spouse, clothed or not, is guilty of sin.

To some, this may sound prudish and old-fashioned, but it is God's law, which does not "change" or "conform" to the times. The Bible consistently speaks of clothing in terms of righteousness, whereas nakedness represents sin and its corresponding shame. The upright are clothed in fine linen ([Revelation 19:8](#)), while the sinful are depicted in various states of undress (see [Isaiah 47:2-3](#); [Ezekiel 16:36](#); [Revelation 3:17](#)).

As such, a culture's view of nakedness reveals its proximity to [God](#) and the way of godly living. As it publicly strips, our culture exposes itself as far

from God and in freefall. We should ask ourselves, "Where do our standards lie on this spectrum?"

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