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Naked

‘arom’ - nude, either partially or totally

‘eyrom’ – nudity

‘maarom’ – in the sense of stripping, bare

‘eryah’ – nudity -> ‘ervah’ - nudity

‘aram’ - properly to be (or make) bare

‘para’ - to loosen; by implication to expose

‘arah’ - to be (causatively make) bare;

‘gumneteuo’ – to strip

‘gumnos’ – nude

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Genesis 2 : 25

“And they were both naked...and were not ashamed.”

How is it that they were naked and not ashamed? What happened to make nakedness wrong?

Genesis 3 : 5 – 7

Knowing Good and Evil

Desiring to make wise

Eyes were opened

Knew they were naked

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Genesis 3 : 5 – 7

What were their eyes opened to?

Lust, Shame, Desire, Uncleaness, Lasciviousness, etc.

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What did this new found revelation get them?

“...they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”

KJV, ASV – aprons ESV - loincloths

‘chagor’ - a belt (for the waist); a girdle; girdle, belt, girdle, loin-covering, belt, loin-cloth, armor

They made for themselves a loin-cloth covering for their waste line.

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Genesis 3 : 8 – 11

Where are you?

They were hidden. – Why?

I was afraid

Why? – I was naked

What did God do for their nakedness?

Genesis 3 : 21

“...the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.”

‘kethoneth’ - to cover; a tunic; tunic, under-garment,
a long shirt-like garment usually of linen

‘labash’ - properly wrap around, that is, (by
implication) to put on a garment or clothe (oneself,
or another)

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Exodus 28 : 1 – 8, 42

Moses is told to make garments:

Breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban, and a sash.

All pieces to cover the top of their body.

Linen trousers; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs

Clothing to cover their bottom of their body.

Why was Moses told to make these garments?

“...to cover their nakedness...”

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Application so far:

Uncovering of our chest is wrong – Genesis 3

Going topless – Men and Women

Clothing that when moving would expose the chest, mid-drift, small of the back, etc.

Tank tops, bikinis, one-piece swim suits

Uncovering of our lower bodies is wrong – Exodus 28

Clothing that when moving would expose our thigh, our waste – any portion of our body between our knees and our hips.

Low ride jeans, “short-shorts”, bathing suit bottoms

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Where does this apply?

In our home – even among family member

Genesis 9 : 19 – 26

Our children should not see the “nakedness” of parents, even by accident.

Leviticus 18 : 6 – 18

God tells the Israelites not to uncover nakedness of family
Instructions were given to both the parents and the children

In worship

Exodus 20 : 26; 28

In everyday life

Genesis 3

It was only Adam and Eve – yet God clothed them