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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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God has defined nakedness as:

Being uncovered between the waistline and the shoulders –
Genesis 3

Being uncovered between the waistline and the knees (lower
thighs) – Exodus 28

God has defined when these principles apply:

In our own family – Genesis 9

In our worship – Exodus 20; 28

In our daily lives – Genesis 3

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How does God view nakedness?

Shameful – Disgraceful

Isaiah 47 : 1 – 3

Remove your veil

‘galah’ – to denude (especially in a disgraceful sense)

Take off the skirt

‘chasaph’ – to strip off, that is, generally to make naked (for exertion or in disgrace)

Uncover (‘galah’) the thigh

What will this cause?

Nakedness – (‘ervah’ – nudity)

Shame – ‘cherpah’ – disgrace

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Shameful – Disgraceful

Lamentations 1 : 8

Why was Jerusalem “despised”, counted worthless or vile?

They saw her nakedness

Nahum 3 : 5

Lift your skirts over your face → Nakedness → Shame

‘qalon’ - disgrace

Revelation 3 : 18

Shame of your nakedness

‘aischune’ - shame or disgrace

‘aischunomai’ – to feel shame (for oneself)

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How should we view nakedness?

Like God does -> Shameful – Disgraceful

What does God associate nakedness with?

Harlotry

Ezekiel 16 : 36 – 37

Ezekiel 23 : 16 – 18

‘taznuth’ - harlotry, that is, (figuratively) idolatry; fornication

The harlot has something to “sell” and she uncovers her “wares” as to entice others to buy.

God views these things, even views nakedness as SIN.

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What can our nakedness cause?

Sin in others

Matthew 5 : 27 – 28

“...whoever looks at a woman...committed adultery...”

II Samuel 11 : 1 – 7

He BEHELD the woman

He INQUIRED about the woman

He SENT for the woman

He LAY with the woman

He SCHEMED, DECEIVED, & MURDERED - He SINNED.

Why? – Nakedness

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Are there appropriate times for nakedness?

Leviticus 18 : 6 – 18

“...it is your father’s nakedness.”

I Corinthians 7 : 1 – 4

It is good to not touch a woman (visa-versa)

BUT – Because of sexual immorality – marry

Render affection to one another

Your body is not under your control

Hebrews 13 : 4

The bed not defiled

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Application so far:

To be uncovered is wrong.

This applies in all aspects of our lives; except the exceptions as studied today.

Our nakedness can and does affect others.

Understand how God feels/views nakedness then develop a mindset to clothe ourselves and cover our nakedness.