



FIRM FOUNDATION Series

Attributes of Holiness Part 2

There is common agreement of three institutions ordained by God in the Bible.

*Marriage/Family *Government *The Church

There are five precepts of earthly submission in the Bible.

*Husband/Wife *Parents/Children *Civil Leadership
*Church Leadership *Master/Servant

All five of these are visibly under great attack currently.

The Sanctity of Marriage

- **The creation of the man**

Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

- I. He was created by God in the image of God and he was created with sexual distinction.

- **The creation of the woman**

Genesis 2:21 *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;*

Genesis 2:22 *And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

- I. She was created by God in the image of God, she was created with sexual distinction and she was made from the rib taken from the man.

- **God instituted marriage to be the covenant of one flesh, the union of a man and a woman.**

Genesis 2:23 *And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

Genesis 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

- **Sanctity of marriage begins in the distinction of:**

1. Sexual Identity
2. Sexual Purity
3. Submission

Genesis 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

Genesis 2:25 *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

- **How important is marriage? Marriage is a symbolism of Christ and the Church.**

Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

Ephesians 5:24 *Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Ephesians 5:26 *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

Ephesians 5:27 *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; **but that it should be holy and without blemish.***

Ephesians 5:28 *So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

- **A mutual submission of holiness**

- A man shows submission to his wife by loving his wife as Christ loved the church, following inward and outward holiness with all of his heart. Christ loved the church without reservation. This is the example of love and commitment that the husband should live out.
- A woman submits to Christ and her husband by surrendering to the Word of God in all things and remaining distinct in her inward and outward holiness, following her husband as he follows Christ.

The Fallen Nature

Genesis 3:6 *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

Genesis 3:7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

- The sin of Adam and the woman brought immorality to their lives.
- The first thing we see recorded that was opened to their understanding was their nakedness.
- They were no longer clothed in innocence.
- There was a spiritual and physical nakedness.

The discovery of their nakedness excited shame, which they sought to conceal by an outward covering. Kiel Delitzsch Commentary

Genesis 3:7 *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, **and made themselves aprons.***

- Adam and Eve attempted to cover their nakedness.

Chagowr:

- I. Girdle, belt, loin covering, loin-cloth, armour

Genesis 3:21 *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, **and clothed them.***

- **God clothed Adam and Eve**
The final act of God's dealing with Adam and Eve before they were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

Strong's Definitions: כִּתְּוֹנֹת k^ethôneth, keth-o'-neth; or כִּטְּוֹנֹת kuttôneth; from an unused root meaning to cover (compare H3802); a shirt:—coat, garment, robe.

- To cover their nakedness
 - Garment from the neck to the knees, sometimes to the ankles
- **God set the boundaries of covering from the beginning**

Pulpit Commentary gives a powerful statement about the content of Genesis chapter 3.
“The moral chaos before the moral restoration”

There is a Moral Shame of Nakedness

Nakedness is addressed in the Bible as nudity or partial nakedness (improper covering).

Genesis 3:10 *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. (This was after they had put on the apron)*

John 21:7 *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.*

Revelation 16:15 *Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

The Covering of Nakedness is Absolutely Necessary

1. The clothing of righteousness for the bride of Christ. (spiritual)
2. The clothing of gender distinction, modesty for the sanctity (physical)

1 Corinthians 5:2 *For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:*

1 Corinthians 5:3 *If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.*

Revelation 19:7 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

Revelation 19:8 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

- The outward apparel of modesty and gender distinction are not works that clothe the heart with righteousness.
- To be clothed with righteousness will spring forth the desire to please God and be clothed with modesty and gender distinction.
- The Word of God teaches us concerning our outward apparel and appearance.
 1. Moderation (Not in excess)
 2. Proper covering of nakedness.
 3. Distinct gender apparel distinction
 4. Not given to sexualizing the body
 - The Grammy Awards program which aired on March 14, 2021 displayed the exact opposite defiance to every one of these 4 principles.

1 Timothy 2:8-9 (KJV) *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. ⁹ In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;*

- Paul sets a decree that calls for a standard of distinction in modesty to be established.
- It cannot be established with regards to the norms of culture or opinion.
- It must be established by drawing from the concrete principles of Holy Scripture.

1 Timothy 2:8-9 (NIV) *Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ⁹ I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,*

Deuteronomy 22:5 *The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.*

The distinction between the sexes is natural and divinely established, and cannot be neglected without indecorum and consequent danger to purity... Albert Barnes Commentary

Job 38:3 *Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.*

- The importance of gender distinction was not simply what they wore, but the manner in which it formed upon the body.
- A man would take his robe and bring it up between his legs and tuck it into his waistband, this transformed his robe into a pant like garment for ease of necessary activity.

Exodus 28:42 *And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:*

- The specifics concerning men's garment in the priesthood gives us another understanding of the thigh being covered.

The manner of submission and gender distinction in hair

1 Corinthians 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

1 Corinthians 11:4 *Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.*

1 Corinthians 11:5 *But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.*

- The lack of a head covering in the culture would signify a woman in dishonor.

1 Corinthians 11:13 *Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?*

1 Corinthians 11:14 *Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?*

1 Corinthians 11:15 *But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*

- Paul goes on to clarify that her long hair is a covering.
- SO HOW LONG IS LONG? The words “koma” and “kome” which are translated “long” in verses 14-15 mean “UNCUT” or “LET THE HAIR GROW” according to authoritative sources like Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, Thayer’s Lexicon, Gingrich’s Lexicon, Bauer’s Lexicon, Moulton & Miligan’s Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, and W.E. Vine’s Expository Dictionary.

One last important understanding concerning this subject of hair

1 Corinthians 11:16 *But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.*

- Your brothers and sisters of like precious faith among us and in other congregations/cities believe after this principle.

Final Thought

- Growth in Christ and living out holiness is not by nature a justification/salvation issue, we are justified by faith and obedience.
- Rejecting the knowledge to grow is an obedience issue, and disobedience without correction becomes a salvation issue.
- **A preacher of truth cannot identify the teachings of Holiness concerning these distinctions of appearance in any other way than submission to God, His Word and headship.**