

The Bulletin

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“Clothing And Biblical Worldview”

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Every now and then there is a push on the part of some advocating for little or no clothing. Whether advocating, in the name of liberty, for the right for females to walk around topless, or for individuals to wear as little as possible, whether at the beach or elsewhere, there are those who think modesty is an artificial construct which goes against nature.

Even in the church, one will sometimes find those who think that the more “natural” you can be, the better. For these reasons, it seems appropriate time to say a few words about modesty.

Yet, before we deal with the specific issue of modesty, let’s say a few words about world-views.

Many of the great social battles boil down to competing world-views on the stage of ideas. While it is to be hoped that those who hold different view-points strive to get along with each other, oft times different philosophies are simply incompatible.

One popular world-view held by a great number of people at this moment in history is that of Darwinian-humanism: a belief that man is nothing more than a highly evolved animal, and that there is no entity higher than man to which man must answer. Contrasted with this are those theistic world-views such as Christianity, Judaism, or even Islam.

When discussing issues such as modesty, these different world-views are going to clash rather handily. To the humanist, clothing is an artificial sort of thing, obviously not found in nature, and is therefore completely a matter of personal choice. There is no practical difference, in such a world-view between a person walking around without a stitch of clothing on, and a horse, dog or cat walking around likewise unclothed.

In a debate about clothing, this sort of thinking will have no problems pointing to various times and places where little to no clothing was (or is) worn by certain cultures or individuals, and say, “see, if they did it, we should be allowed to as well.”

A theistic thinker should, if true to their beliefs, approach the subject quite differently. One whose world-view is shaped by the Bible, for instance, should consider first whether God has anything to say on the subject.

Biblically speaking, man is not an animal. While we certainly, share biological features in common with animals, man was always meant to be something more. We are created in the image of God, and were given dominion over the earth. Only man, of all the creatures on earth, can be called sons of God. (cf. Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8; Matthew 5:9) To relegate man to the level of a mere animal is to denigrate God and the gifts God gave to man.

It is somewhat interesting, that following the fall of man in the Garden, one of the very first issues God deals with is that of modesty. As they grew more spiritually aware, Adam and his wife realized they were naked and tried to do something about it (cf. Genesis 3:7). They sewed some leaves together, making

clothing which could best be described as aprons, or loin-clothes. When God saw the clothing they had made, He replaced their leaves with garments of leather (cf. Genesis 3:21). The word used to describe the garment God provided denotes a tunic which extended from the shoulders to at least the knees.

Tellingly, we might note that God did not apply one standard for women, and another for men, but rather clothed them both similarly. While the Bible has one especial warning directed at women concerning the need for modesty (eg. 1 Timothy 2:9) there is no double standard concerning what is modest for men or for women. Indeed, in the Old Testament, the ones who were warned most severely about the need for modesty were the priests of God, who were uniformly male (cf. Exodus 28:42-43). If caught being immodest in the tabernacle worship, the implied penalty was death. Clearly God took the issue seriously.

If God took the issue seriously, then those who take God seriously should do likewise. Obviously, those who reject God as being relevant to their philosophy and point of view are going to have a very different opinion on the subject, but that is only to be expected. When listening to various arguments, pro and con about issues such as modesty, we should be mindful of where those arguments originate, that is – what world-view is shaping the arguments.

And, for the believer, arguments based on culture, biology and current events should always take a back seat to the simple question: what does God think about the issue?

“IMPROVE YOUR LIFE”

By Frank Himmel

1. Turn off the TV and read your Bible.

The Psalmist said of the blessed man, *"His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night"* (Psalms 1:2).

2. Hang up the phone and pray.

I never cease to be amazed at how much time some people spend on their cell phones. Is all that talking or texting necessary or profitable? *"Pray without ceasing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). *"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much"* (James 5:16).

3. Get up out of bed an hour earlier and come to Bible study on Sunday.

"As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed" (Proverbs 26:14).

4. Cut down your credit card purchases and give.

Give to the poor. Increase your contribution at church. *"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed"* (Proverbs 19:17). *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35).

5. Change the conversation from sports, weather, and politics to spiritual things.

Do that at home. *"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up"* (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Do that at work, too. *"He who wins souls is wise"* (Proverbs 11:30).

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billy Grisham, B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Stacy & Annette Meeks, Anita Harris' mother: Hillard Switcher, Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble, Danny Briggs (cancer), Kelcy Whittemore, Cameron Hutchins, the McCarthy family in Baldwyn (two men have cancer, one is terminal), Josh Boswell, Karen Kennemur, Dianne Johnson, and Randy Ferrell (diagnosed with Parkinson's disease).

Updates: Billy Grisham had another fall Wednesday and is recovering.
Sherry Fuqua Doles got a gash on her leg and is recovering.
Camden (Chad's son) is still sore from his hunting accident.
Tim Harris Jr is going to the Mayo Clinic on the 27th for several days of tests.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Jerry Kennemur
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: "Suppressing The Truth"

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Brian Meade
Revelation
Author: By Dan H. King Sr.
Starting Page & Question: Page #78 Question #2

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Paul Busby
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Nathan Meade
Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:24-25
Song Leader: Lee Busby
Lord's Supper: Danny Sheffield
Assisting: — —
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #3: "What Excuses Can & Cannot Do For Us"
Closing Prayer: Dan Cottrell

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

April 29, 2026

Auditorium Bible Class: Paul Busby
Workbook: The Book Of Mark
Author: By Mike Willis
Starting Page & Question: Page #39, Question #11
Invitation: Fred Johnson
Song Leader: Jerry Kennemur
Closing Prayer: Tim Harris Sr.



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“Suppressing The Truth”

Lesson Text: **Acts 4:13-17.**

I. The World Tries To Suppress Information It Deems Undesirable.

- **Suppress:** “To subdue, put down by force, to withhold, to hold back, to prevent the publication or revelation of, to check the flow of, stop.”
- **Political Suppression, Religious Suppression, Or Evidence Suppression.**

II. Wicked Men Suppress Truth Against Themselves.

- **Romans 1:18.**

– **κατέχωα:** to prevent someone from doing something by restraining or hindering— ‘to prevent, to hinder, to restrain, to keep from.’ ἀνθρώπων τῶν τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἐν ἀδικίᾳ κατεχόντων ‘the people whose evil ways keep the truth from being known’ Romans 1:18.

(Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 164).

III. Christians Can Also Suppress The Truth In Various Ways.

- **By Doubting The Power Of The Gospel.**
 - Romans. 1:16; 1 Timothy 2:8; James 1:6-8.
- **By Refusing To Contend For The Truth.**
 - Jude 3; Philippians 1:17; 1 Peter 3:15.
- **By Being Ashamed Of The Truth.**
 - Romans 1:16; Mark 8:38; 2 Timothy 1:8-12.
- **By Living Inconsistent Lives.**
 - Romans 2:21-24; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.
- **By Neglecting Support For Gospel Preaching.**
 - Exodus 17:8-12; Galatians 6:6; Romans 16:3-4+.
- **By Turning From The Truth.**
 - 1 Timothy 1:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:9-10; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

“What Excuses Can And Cannot Do For Us”

Lesson Text: **Matthew 25:24-25.**

I. People Who Made Excuses In The Scriptures.

- Adam & Eve Made Excuses About Their Sin- **Genesis 3:11-13.**
- Moses Made Excuses For Not Going Before Pharaoh- **Exodus 3:7—4:10.**
- Aaron Made Excuses For Making The Golden Calf- **Exodus 32:19-24.**
- King Saul Made Excuses For Not Destroying The Amalekites- **1 Sam. 15:18-21.**
- Some Jews Made Excuses For Not Following Jesus- **Luke 9:59-62.**

II. What Excuses Can Do For Us.

1. Excuses Can Make Us Feel Better About Our Failure.

- **Matthew 19:21-22; Matthew 25:1-10; Luke 10:30-33.**

2. Excuses Can Make Us A Liar.

- **Luke 14:16-21.**

3. Excuses Can Hinder Our Spiritual Development.

- **Hebrews 5:8-14; 2 Peter 1:5-11.**

4. Excuses Can Hurt Our Influence As A Christian.

- **Matthew 5:13-16.**

III. What Excuses Cannot Do For Us.

1. Excuses Cannot Help Us Bear Fruit To God.

- **John 15:1-2; 5-8.**

2. Excuses Cannot Turn Disobedience Into Faithful Obedience.

- **Matthew 25:26-30.**

3. Excuses Cannot Encourage Others To Be More Faithful.

- **Hebrews 10:22-25; Vs. 26-27.**

4. Excuses Cannot Inherit The Promises Of God.

- **Hebrews 6:11-12.**