

Do We Still Know How to Blush?

Jer. 6:11-15; 8:8-12

Introduction:

- A. Israel's two-fold problem: Abominations and shamelessness.
- B. Modern society seems to no longer know how to blush — no sense of shame.
 - 1. Open and brazen displays of sin.
 - 2. Nothing considered shameful.
 - 3. Emphasis on removing all inhibitions.
- C. Good people need to know how to blush — an active sense of shame.
 - 1. To protect us in a world of sin. (Cf. Gen. 2:25; 3:9-11, 21)
 - 2. To draw us back when fallen. (2 Thess. 3:14).
 - 3. Without it nothing is shameful to them.
- D. We need to blush at all sin, but let us notice some things the Bible specifically associates with shame..

Discussion:

I. Conduct Associated with Shame.

- A. Deviant moral conduct. (Rom. 1:27-32)
- B. All unrighteous conduct. (Rom. 6:20-21).

II. Speech Associated with Shame.

- A. Wholesome speech important. (Eph. 4:29)
- B. Certain speaking by women. (1 Cor. 14:34-35).
- C. Some things shameful to speak of (Eph. 5:11-12).
 - 1. Some words should not be used.
 - 2. Some ideas should not be expressed.

III. Appearance Associated with Shame.

- A. Hair lengths. (1 Cor. 11:6, 14-15)
- B. Manner of dress.
 - 1. Should conceal nakedness (cf. Ex. 28:42, Rev. 3:18; 16:15)
 - 2. Should not be seductive (Prov 7:10,11,21-23)
 - 3. Should be modest (1 Tim. 2:9,10)
 - 4. Should not be stumbling block (cf. Matt. 5:28; 18:6-9)

Conclusion:

- A. Christians must not forget how to blush.
- B. Parents should teach children proper sense of shame.

1 MODEST" - "orderly, well-arranged, decent, modest" ..."of good behavior (1 Tim. 3:2 KJV)". (Vines)

"PROPRIETY" (NKJV) - "Shamefacedness" (ASV) - "Shamefastness": "that modesty which is 'fast' or rooted in the character" - Vines.

"MODERATION" (NKJV) - "Sobriety" (KJV): "Habitual inner self-government, with its constant rein on the passions and desires ..." (Vines)