

Women wearing short clothing in front of other women

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling on women wearing short or tight clothing in front of other women?

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: Allaah (عز وجل)² says in His noble Book:

وَلَا يُدَيِّنُ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ

[They should not display their beauty and ornaments except what (must ordinarily) appear thereof];³

إلى أن قال:

until His statement:

أَوْ نِسَائِهِنَّ

[and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers or their brothers' sons, or their sisters' sons,] or their women.

Therefore if her shin is showing, or her face, or her forearm in front of the women; then this is no problem insha'allaah; with the condition that the woman does not go and describe her to her husband. This is because the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁴ has prohibited the woman from sitting with another woman and then going and describing her to her husband as though he can see her.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

³ سورة النور – Soorah an-Noor [24:31]

⁴ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him