

## ~TATTOO (55)

- **A permanent mark or design on the skin made by cutting the skin to produce scars or by inserting coloring matter under the skin. The Israelites were forbidden to engage in this practice, one that was common among some other ancient peoples.**

- **And you must not make cuts in your flesh for a deceased soul, and you **must not put tattoo marking upon yourselves**. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:28**)**

- **For example, there were times when the Egyptians **tattooed** the names or symbols of their deities on their breast or arms. By complying with Yehowah's Law not to disfigure their bodies, the Israelites would have stood out as different from other nations.**

- **Sons you are of Yehowah your God. You must not make cuttings upon yourselves or impose baldness on your foreheads for a dead person. (**Deuteronomy 14:1**)**

- **For you are a holy people to Yehowah your God, and Yehowah has chosen you to become his people, a special property, out of all the peoples who are on the surface of the ground. (**Deuteronomy 14:2**)**

- **The prohibition would also have impressed upon them a proper respect for the human body as God's creation, to be used in honoring him.**

- **Know that Yehowah is God. It is he that has made us, and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasturage. (**Psalms 100:3**)**

- **For you yourself produced my kidneys; You kept me screened off in the belly of my mother. (**Psalms 139:13**)**

- **I shall laud you because in a fear-inspiring way I am wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, as my soul is very well aware. (**Psalms 139:14**)**

- **My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was woven in the lowest parts of the earth. (**Psalms****

**139:15)**

- **Your eyes saw even the embryo of me, and in your book all its parts were down in writing, as regards the days when they were formed and there was not yet one among them. ([Psalms 139:16](#))**
- **Consequently I entreat you by the compassions of God, brothers, to present your bodies a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God, a sacred service with your power of reason. ([Romans 12:1](#))**