



Everyday FAITH Family Page

Old Testament 2

Law/Gospel

Bitten and poisoned by sin and death, I complain when life is not what I want. **God calls me to repentance and points me to Christ, who heals me by His death and resurrection.**

Bible Words

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.
John 3:14–15

Fun Fact

King Hezekiah of Israel broke Moses' bronze serpent into pieces because the people made it into an idol and gave offerings to it. Appalled, Hezekiah destroyed it.

The Bronze Serpent

Numbers 21:4–9

It couldn't have been easy to wander in the desert with two million other people. The Israelites soon lost patience, and they often complained about food, water, and other amenities.

Once, when they grew impatient, the Lord sent fiery serpents. Bitten, many died. Finally, the people confessed their sins and asked Moses to ask the Lord to take away the snakes. Moses did.

God told Moses to make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole. If bitten, anyone who looked at it would live. God healed anyone who trusted His promise to restore life.

This might have passed as a small wilderness event if Jesus hadn't spoken about it to Nicodemus, a religious teacher and Pharisee. (See Bible Words at left.)

Jesus pointed the teacher to this event to show what He would do. Jesus, the Son of Man, would be lifted up on the cross to pay for our sins. Jesus promises eternal life to all who look to Him and trust His promise.

Exodus Points to Jesus

- Moses is a "type" or picture of Christ, pleading for the people.
- Aaron, the high priest, represents Jesus, our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14–16).
- Jesus is the Passover lamb (Exodus 12; John 1:29).
- Manna, bread that fell from heaven, sustained the Israelites. Jesus is the Bread of Life (Exodus 16:1–5; John 6:35).
- Moses received the Ten Commandments. Jesus kept all the commandments (Exodus 20; John 8:29; 1 Peter 2:21–24).

Prayer

Jesus, we look to You and believe in You. Forgive us and take away our sins. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.