

Look & Live (Easter Message)

Introduction: Have you ever been frightened by a snake? Most of us have. I think most people are afraid of snakes because we don't know if they are poison or not. What if you were to be bitten by a snake, what would be the first thing you would do? Most would answer by saying, "I would try to get help." Today we are going to read about some people who had been bitten by venomous snakes and what God did to help them.



Number 21:4-9 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" 6 Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Why would a person who had been bitten not look at the serpent on the pole?

1. Perhaps they didn't **know** about the remedy. (Misunderstood)
2. Perhaps they didn't **believe** what Moses said was true. (Unbelief)
3. Perhaps they thought they could **cure themselves**. (Self-sufficiency)
4. Perhaps they thought they were beyond **help**. (Hopelessness)

Conclusion: We have all been bitten.

John 3:14-18 **Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness**, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." 16For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**Are you going to *Look to Jesus for forgiveness & Live*
or are you going to refuse God's remedy?**