



SERPENT ON THE POLE - JESUS!

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One of the greatest demonstrations of the atonement of Christ and His total provision for us is seen in:

Numbers chapter 21. The purpose of this truth is meant to bring repentance and correction to prepare people to be able to receive their supply of healing in every area of life.

In the Word of God there are promises, but there are also principles. In order to appropriate the promises we must be will and fulfill the principles.

Once an individual has repented and correction their ways, the truth written herein will develop faith in us so that we may appropriate what has been supplied for us.

Let's take a look at the truth in these verses that they may provide us with clarity.

Numbers 21:5, the people made their greatest mistake; they sinned against God and Moses by complaining about how they were being led. They didn't trust God and they didn't trust Moses. They thought they had a better plan, so they became criticized both God and Moses. Regardless of what you are going through, what you have heard others say, how much you think you know or how anointed you may think you are, there are some places you don't visit:

1. It is a no brainer, you don't speak against God.

2. The second revelation you must come to term with is, you don't speak against or criticize leaders. Leave the preacher alone!

Verse 6, the sin of criticism got so far out of hand that God sent fiery serpents among the people. The people were bitten by the serpents and many of them died.

Verse 7, finally, the people got the revelation of their sins. They repented and asked Moses for prayer. So, Moses prayed.

Verse 8, When Moses prayed for the people, the Lord instructed Moses to make a brass fiery serpent and put it on a pole. Everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

In scripture brass/bronze is symbolic of divine judgment. That Old Testament brass serpent on that pole was a type of Christ and His judgment on sin, sickness and disease on behalf of the people! It was a type of the cross in the Old Testament. Jesus was in the Old Testament concealed; in the New Testament revealed. The serpent on the pole was atonement for the people.

Every one of us has been bitten by sin and sickness and need the atoning and redemption of Jesus Christ! Jesus in the NT became to us what that brass serpent was on that pole in the OT. Jesus became judgment against sin, sickness on our behalf!

There is a key principle to receiving our supply of healing:



We must behold the serpent/Christ on the pole. That serpent represented the divine judgment of Christ against the attack of the serpents against the people.

Beheld; to see or look at: I was surprised at the use this word, they looked until it became a past tense.

Behold; lay eyes on, see, to perceive by sight or have the power to perceive by sight.

So, the key to deliverance is to; "behold the Serpent" (judgment on you sickness, understand it, believe it)."

Most people have taken that part of the process to lightly. It is not a; snap, crackle, pop type of thing. He must become our heart's desire and total focus. We must spend time with Him and become one with Him.

We must gaze upon Him, into Him and all of who He is to us. We must study Him. The Greeks were known to be people who study the scripture, they came to Jesus disciples and said, we would see Jesus (**John 12:21**). They went looking for Him!

Numbers 21:5 *And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.*

⁶ *And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.*

⁷ *Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.*

⁸ *And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.*

⁹ *And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.*

In **John 3:14, 15** Jesus refers to Himself in relation to the OT serpent on the pole. Jesus became the serpent (judgment on sin, sickness, disease to conquer it). The OT and NT example are the same.

John 3:14 *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

¹⁵ *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

In **John 12:31-33** Jesus talked about His death, being lifted up (on the pole) divine judgment (brass) of this world, the serpent on a pole. Everyone who has been bitten by sin, sickness or poverty can receive deliverance.

John 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

³² *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

³³ *This he said, signifying what death he should die.*

Looking to JESUS! The question is: Have we lost our focus on Christ? I would rather take the time, refocus and gaze upon Jesus and live in abundance than live carelessly and suffer! The key to the fulfillment of the atonement in our lives is obedience/submission to study Jesus! We must look into Him to be healed! God wants a relationship with you personally!

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set*



before us, ² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

He became sin_for us (**2 Corinthians 5:21**) He became poor for us (2 Corinthians 8:9) He took sickness upon

Himself for us (**1 Peter 2:24**). Jesus took sickness into Himself on our behalf and judged them to set us free from them.

Jesus was then made_unto us; wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption (**1 Corinthians 1:30**). Jesus became to us all of who we would need to be, what we would need to know and what we would need to do. You must behold Him, gaze upon Him and keep gazing until He becomes life in you and judgment comes upon your infirmity. It will cost you something, OBEDIENCE!