

## The Bronze Serpent

Numbers 21:4-9

Purpose: To review the necessity of obedience coupled with belief.



## Introduction

- The bronze serpent in our story was made around 1,400 B.C.
- Hezekiah destroyed this item around 700 years later. It had become an object of worship. 2 Kings 18:3-7.

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## Rebellion and consequences (vs. 4-6)

- Israel complained and rebelled against God.
  - Num. 11. Did not appreciate manna.
  - Num. 14. Lacked faith in the good report of 2 spies.
  - Num. 16. Korah rebelled.
  - Num. 20. Moses and Aaron sinned.

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- Some believed that bondage in Egypt was better than freedom in the wilderness.
- Their discontent led to rebellion.
- God sent poisonous snakes to punish the people. Num. 21:4-6.

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## Repentance (vs. 7)

- Repentance comes quickly when consequences are immediate.
- Some may never repent if they don't see the consequences.
- Most know right from wrong, but not yet being penalized, will continue.

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## Remedy (vs. 8)

- God hears the prayers and instructs Moses to make a serpent and put it on a pole.
- All those who were snake bit could look on it and live.
- God desires that we apply the remedy for our sins.

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### Restoration (vs. 9)

- God wanted the people to accept the remedy and be saved.
- God's conditions of restoration are always simple and easy.
- 2 Pet. 3:9. God waits patiently for repentance today also.

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### Conclusion

- Sin will kill us, but not as quick as a snake bite.
- In either case, we need the remedy.
- Are you willing to apply the remedy for your sins?

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