

# Keep Your Eyes on the LORD

## Numbers 21:4-9



(4) Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way

(5) **And the people spoke against God and against Moses:** “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.”

# 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing

# Application

- ❖ God is full of mercy
- ❖ He is long suffering
- ❖ Even in our grumblings, God wants to teach us something
- ❖ **Keep your eyes on the LORD!**

(6) So the LORD sent **fiery serpents** among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

# Application

❖ Is that us sometimes?

❖ If I only had \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned , for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.



(8) Then the LORD said to Moses,  
“Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a  
pole; and it shall be that everyone who is  
bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.

(9) So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Why did God tell Moses to make a fiery serpent and put it on a pole so that whoever is bitten by it would live?

Why didn't God just heal them?

John 3:14

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up...

# Why would Jesus liken Himself to a serpent?

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

# Application

Are there people today, like the Israelites?

We must keep our eyes on the LORD!

2 Kings 18:1-4

Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, the king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image **and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.**



# Application

Do we have any “sacred pillars” in our lives?