

# Anyone who Looks at the Snake ...

(Numbers III)

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# Text

Title: Anyone who looks at the snake ...

Passage: Numbers 17:1 – 25:18

Key verse: Numbers 23:8,9

“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.’ 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.”

# Introduction

Previous lesson: Habitual grumbling of the Israelites.

Out of unbelief they could not enter the promised land.

God is still faithful and transfers the promise to the next generation.

This lesson: New generation of fighters grew up.

God opens the way of salvation through the bronze snake.

Prayer topic: Look upon God's sign of salvation

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# 1. God's spiritual order and guidance in the desert (17:1 – 20:13)

# Aaron's staff greened

17:8: "The next day Moses entered the tent and saw that Aaron's staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds."

=> Acknowledge the spiritual order, even though God's servants might not be perfekt

=> Keep the spiritual order

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# Next generation grown up

20:1: “In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried.”

=> God is faithful



# Moses brings water out of the rock

Moses struck the rock twice against God's command

=> A spiritual leader must glorify God under all circumstances

## **2. God changed the curse into a blessing (20\_14 – 25:18)**



# Moses erects a bronze snake

21:8,9: “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. 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, he lived.”

Sin is like the poison in our body.

When we look at Jesus we are healed.

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# Balaam

=> God turns curse into blessings

# Phinehas

25:6-8 "And behold, a man from Israel came and brought among his brethren a Midianite before the eyes of Moses and of all the congregation of the Israelites, who wept at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas saw the son of Eleazar son of Aaron the priest, he arose out of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand, and went after the man of Israel into the chamber, and pierced both the man of Israel and the woman of Moab through their bodies. Then the plague ceased among the Israelites."

=> One person who stands resolutely on God's side can bring redemption for the whole people

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# Conclusion

May we, too, take God's way of salvation through faith alone, looking at the cross of Jesus, which heals us from all the power of sin and Satan, and gives us new life.

May God give each one of us faith in the power of the blood of Jesus to heal us completely and let us live as God's people.