## Lessons from the Bronze Snake in the Wilderness



Explore God's salvation through the bronze snake, uncovering faith, healing, and hope in the wilderness journey.





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#### Introduction

The Bronze Snake in the Wilderness is a powerful biblical event that speaks to God's provision, healing, and salvation amid trial. In Numbers chapter 21, the Israelites encounter venomous snakes in the wilderness, a consequence of their grumbling against God and Moses. Their condition was fatal, yet God provided a simple yet profound solution: a bronze snake lifted on a pole, which anyone bitten could look upon and live.

This story not only highlights God's justice but also His mercy. It reveals the necessity of faith and obedience and foreshadows greater truths fulfilled in Jesus Christ. By studying this passage, we learn how God's methods of salvation involve faith and the call to look beyond our immediate suffering toward the promise of healing and hope.

As we journey through this 7-day study, we'll meditate on faith amidst adversity, God's provision in our wilderness seasons, and how this Old Testament event anticipates the ultimate salvation offered through Jesus Christ. Each day invites us to reflect deeply, journal our insights, and pray for a heart aligned with God's healing power. Let's open our hearts and minds and let the bronze snake in the wilderness inform and transform our walk with God.







# Day 1: The Bronze Snake: God's Provision in Judgment









Day 1: 

■ The Bronze Snake: God's Provision in Judgment

#### Your Verse

Numbers 21:8 – "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.'"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 103:3 "...he forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."
- John 3:14 "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,"







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#### Devotional: God's Provision in the Face of Judgment

God's provision often comes amid human failure. The Israelites' grumbling in the wilderness led to venomous snakes sent as judgment. Yet God didn't abandon them. Instead, He offered a means of salvation through the bronze snake—a symbol requiring their faith to look up and be healed.

This teaches us that even in our moments of rebellion or hardship, God's grace meets us. The provision might look unexpected or mysterious, but it is always loving and life-giving. The act of lifting the bronze snake on a pole calls for our attention, trust, and obedience.

How often do we miss God's provision because we are focused on our pain or past mistakes? Like the Israelites, we are called to lift our eyes and trust God's remedy for our souls. This story invites us to recognize God's mercy paired with truth, a pattern we see fully realized in Christ.







Day 1:  $\blacksquare$  The Bronze Snake: God's Provision in Judgment

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of your life feel like wilderness struggles right now?
2.	How do you respond when facing consequences of your actions?
3.	Are you willing to 'look up' and receive healing from God's provision?







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#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time God provided for you despite your mistakes.
2.	Write about what 'looking at the bronze snake' means for your faith.
3.	Reflect on obstacles that prevent you from trusting God's provision.







Day 1: ■ The Bronze Snake: God's Provision in Judgment

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for Your mercy even when I falter. Help me to recognize Your provision in times of difficulty. Teach me to trust and look to You for healing and hope, even when it's hard. *Renew my faith with Your everlasting love.*Amen. 🙏 📢 🖴

















Day 2: Wy Faith to Look Up and Live

#### Your Verse

John 3:14 - "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we live by faith, not by sight."







Day 2: S Faith to Look Up and Live

#### Devotional: The Power of Faith in God's Healing

**Faith requires us to look beyond what is visible.** The Israelites couldn't see any physical power in a bronze snake, yet their healing depended on looking at it with trust.

This act symbolizes how faith functions: it demands our eyes to rise above circumstances and trust in God's promise without fully understanding how the remedy works. In John 3, Jesus references this event to illustrate the necessity of believing in Him for eternal life.

Our spiritual journey is filled with moments where we must choose to fix our gaze on Jesus, lifted high on the cross, trusting that through Him we receive grace, forgiveness, and hope beyond our present pain.







Day 2: 🖏 Faith to Look Up and Live

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for you to 'live by faith, not by sight'?
2.	How can you practice trusting God in situations that feel hopeless?
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	In what ways does looking up to God change your perspective on suffering?
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Day 2: 🖏 Faith to Look Up and Live

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall an experience where faith brought you peace amid uncertainty.
2.	Write about how Jesus being 'lifted up' influences your belief and hope.
3.	Identify areas where you struggle to trust God and pray for faith.







Day 2: W Faith to Look Up and Live

#### Prayer for Today

Father, increase my faith to trust You fully. Help me to look away from my challenges and fix my eyes on Jesus. May I live by faith, knowing You are my healer and hope. Strengthen my heart to believe in Your promises daily. Amen. 🙏 👀 🍩







## Day 3: The Wilderness: A Place of Testing and Growth









Day 3: Place of Testing and Growth

#### Your Verse

Exodus 15:22–25 – "...the waters of Marah were bitter... There the LORD showed them the tree that, when they put it into the water, the water became sweet."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:2–3 "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials because the testing of your faith produces perseverance."
- Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."







Day 3: 🌓 The Wilderness: A Place of Testing and Growth

#### Devotional: Trusting God in Life's Wilderness

The wilderness represents seasons of difficulty and testing. The Israelites' journey was marked by hardship, rebellion, and ultimately God's provision and transformation. Their bitterness at Marah became sweet water through God's intervention, just as the snake on the pole brought life.

Our own spiritual wilderness moments, though painful, are opportunities for growth. God uses them to test our faith and reveal His sustaining power.

What lessons is God teaching you in your wilderness season? When we trust Him amidst challenges, we discover deeper perseverance, reliance, and a taste of His sweetness—even in hard times.







Day 3: 🌓 The Wilderness: A Place of Testing and Growth

## Reflect and Apply

1.	. How have your trials shaped your faith in God?
2.	. Can you identify 'bitter' experiences that God turned sweet?
3.	. What spiritual growth is the wilderness currently nurturing in you?







Day 3: 🌓 The Wilderness: A Place of Testing and Growth

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a difficult season in your life and God's faithfulness during it.
2.	Describe how you can find joy or hope despite trials.
3.	Pray for strength to endure and faith to grow through your wilderness.







Day 3: Place of Testing and Growth

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, walk with me through my wilderness seasons.** Teach me to trust Your timing and purpose when life feels tough. Help me to see Your hand turning bitter moments into blessings. May I rely on Your presence daily and grow in perseverance. Amen. **2 \( \)** 

















#### Your Verse

Romans 3:25 - "God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 85:10 "Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other."
- Micah 6:8 "...to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."







#### Devotional: Embracing God's Justice and Mercy

The bronze snake is a beautiful picture of God's justice and mercy intertwined. The snakes were sent as just punishment for sin, but God's solution demonstrated mercy by offering a way to be healed.

This duality is most clearly seen in Jesus, who bore our punishment and provided salvation. God's holy justice demands accountability, yet His unfathomable mercy offers forgiveness freely to all who believe.

*Understanding this balance shapes how we live, love, and respond to God's calling.* We are called to embrace both truth and grace, reflecting God's heart in a world that desperately needs both.







## Reflect and Apply

	How do you understand the balance of justice and mercy in your faith journey?
2.	In what ways does God's mercy impact your view of sin and forgiveness?
3.	How can you extend both justice and mercy in your relationships?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about experiences where God's mercy surprised you.
2.	Reflect on how acknowledging God's justice affects your spiritual growth.
3.	Commit to ways you can show grace while upholding truth.







#### Prayer for Today

















#### Your Verse

John 12:32 - "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 53:5 "...by his wounds we are healed."
- 1 Peter 2:24 "He himself bore our sins... so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness."







#### Devotional: Christ: Our Ultimate Healing and Hope

Jesus directly references the bronze snake lifted by Moses as a foreshadowing of His own crucifixion. Just as the Israelites looked to the bronze serpent for physical healing, we are called to look to Christ for spiritual salvation.

This connection reveals the depth of God's redemption plan spanning both Old and New Testaments. The cross is the ultimate 'pole' lifting Jesus up, drawing all who believe into healing and new life.

Reflecting on this helps us grasp the continuity of God's purpose and the centrality of Jesus as our Savior. It invites gratitude and a renewed faith to live fully in the salvation Christ offers.







## Reflect and Apply

	How does the image of Jesus lifted on the cross speak to your personal faith?
2.	What does it mean for you to be 'drawn' to Christ today?
	How can this connection between the bronze snake and Jesus deepen your trust?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your response to Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
2.	Reflect on ways Jesus' healing differs from physical healing.
3.	Pray for a heart open to fully receive Jesus' salvation and love.







#### Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for being lifted up for my salvation. Draw me closer to You daily and heal my heart fully. Help me to trust in Your atoning work and live in the hope You provide. May my life reflect Your love and grace always. Amen.













## Day 6: Using with Trust in God's Protection









Day 6: U Living with Trust in God's Protection

#### Your Verse

Psalm 91:4 – "...he will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon forged against you will prevail."
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 "The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."







Day 6: ① Living with Trust in God's Protection

#### Devotional: Trusting God as Our Refuge and Shield

After experiencing God's provision, the Israelites knew the importance of trusting in His protection. For believers today, God's protection encompasses spiritual, emotional, and physical refuge.

Trusting God means resting under His wings, confident that He guards us against harm, even when dangers loom. The bronze snake event reminds us we are vulnerable to attacks but also reminds us God's power surpasses every threat.

Our challenge is to live courageously and faithfully, secure in God's shield and love. This trust equips us for daily battles and draws others to see God's faithfulness through our lives.







Day 6: U Living with Trust in God's Protection

## Reflect and Apply

1.	In what areas do you most need to trust God's protection today?
2.	How does knowing God's faithfulness affect your courage?
3.	What steps can you take to lean more fully on God's refuge?







Day 6: ULiving with Trust in God's Protection

## Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a time you felt God's protective presence.
2.	Write about fears you can surrender to God's care.
3.	Pray for trust and peace amid spiritual or personal battles.







Day 6: U Living with Trust in God's Protection

#### Prayer for Today

**Father, thank You for being my refuge and shield.** Help me to trust You fully and rest in Your protection. Strengthen my faith in the face of fear and guide me safely through life's challenges. May Your presence bring peace to my heart. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 - "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe every tear from their eyes... There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain."
- Romans 8:18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."







#### Devotional: Anchored in Eternal Hope

The wilderness journey, with its fears and trials, is temporary. The bronze snake story reassures us that God's healing and salvation have eternal implications.

Our faith looks not only to present relief but to future glory—when suffering gives way to joy and death is defeated by everlasting life. This hope empowers us to endure and witness through challenging times.

As we conclude this study, remember that the God who heals and sustains us now promises a perfect future. Let that hope fuel your faith, restore your spirit, and inspire your daily walk.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How does eternal hope influence your perspective on current struggles?
2.	What does God's promise of restoration mean to you personally?
3.	How can you share this hope with others in need today?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how hope has sustained you during difficult times.
2.	Reflect on what 'eternal glory' means for your faith journey.
3.	Pray for opportunities to encourage others with God's hope.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the hope that lasts beyond the wilderness. Help me to keep my eyes on Your eternal promises and to live in faith and joy despite trials. Use me to share Your hope and love with those around me. Amen. 💸











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