



## How Sin Destroys You Numbers 21:4-9

### The Story of Moses and the Bronze Snake

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; **5** they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

**6** Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. **7** The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

**8** The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole so anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” **9** 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. Numbers 21:4-9

I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:12-16

## Two Aspects of Sin

### 1. The Seriousness of Sin

Mankind's answer to great evil:

a. It's something in some people;

but this thinking is what leads to nationalism, racism, and the bias that allowed the Death Camps in the first place.

b. It's something in all of us

under the right set of circumstances we can become monsters too.

### 2. The Character of Sin

The nature of sin makes you feel nothing is good enough.

That dissatisfaction is what is behind disobedience.

What did the serpent actually tell Adam and Eve to make them dissatisfied that led to their disobedience?

## God's Remedy

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The first step in being healed of sin in our lives?

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Secondly God has to show them before they can be healed that there is a provision of their healing.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, John 3:14  
Jesus is saying he will die.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21  
God treated his Son as sin should be treated.

Jesus thirst and the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus are a picture of the experience of Hell Jesus had to endure.