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Isaiah

Snakes, Faith and Jesus

The people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we de-test this miserable food!"

Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it 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.

Numbers 21:4-9

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

Turn to Christ and be saved!

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the

LORD and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

He brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:30-31

If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

"Young man, you look very miserable.' It was a block struck right home, and although the young man [Spurgeon] had never had such a personal word from the pulpit before, he was too much in earnest to resent it. The preacher continued, "You always will be miserable—miserable in life and miserable in death if you don't obey my text; but if you obey now, this moment you will be saved.' Then lifting up his hands, he shouted, as only a Primitive Methodist of that time could, "Young man, look to Jesus Christ! Look! Look! Look! You have nothing to do but to look and live.' What more he said young Spurgeon never knew, for in a moment, he saw the way of salvation and was possessed by the thought of the freeness and simplicity of it. 'I had been waiting to do fifty things' he said; 'but when I heard the word *look*, I could have almost looked my eyes away. I could have risen that instant and have sung with the most enthusiastic of them of the precious blood of Christ, and the simple faith that looks to him alone.'" - Fullerton, *Spurgeon*, p. 34