



AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS

JOHN 3:9-15

The faith that saves is supernatural;

HEBREWS 11:1

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

A 'heavenly' connection;

JOHN 1:51

⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

NUMBERS 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient 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 we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And 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 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Snake imagery;

GENESIS 3:1

¹ *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field* that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

EXODUS 7:12

¹² For each man cast down his staff, and *they became serpents*. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

1 SAMUEL 5:2

² Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon.

1 SAMUEL 17:5

⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a *coat of mail*, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

PSALM 58:4

⁴ They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear,

JEREMIAH 8:17

¹⁷ For behold, *I am sending among you serpents*, adders that cannot be charmed, and they shall bite you," declares the LORD.

ISAIAH 59:5

⁵ They hatch adders' eggs; they weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and from *one that is crushed a viper is hatched*.

MICAH 7:17

¹⁷ ...they shall *lick the dust like a serpent*, like the crawling things of the earth...

MATTHEW 3:7

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “*You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*”

MATTHEW 23:33

³³ *You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?*

ACTS 28:3

³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, *a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand.*

REVELATION 12:3

³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, *a great red dragon*, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

The cure must be like the curse, but different from the curse.

Salvation comes through One fashioned to be the curse;

GALATIANS 3:13

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

ROMANS 8:3

³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Salvation comes only to those who know they have been snake-bit;

JOHN 8:28

²⁸ So Jesus said to them, “When *you* have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he...”

Jesus’ words to one in need of the new birth: “Look and believe.”

ISAIAH 45:22 (KJV 1900)

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else.