

AUGUST 9

“WHEN JESUS HUNG ON THE CROSS, HE TOOK THE VENOM OF SIN UPON HIMSELF.”

READ

Numbers 21:6-9, John 3:14-16

Israel murmured so greatly and so constantly that God sent venomous snakes into their camp, biting and causing great anguish. Children were dying, families were being destroyed because snakes were everywhere. Moses went to the Lord asking, “What do we do about this?” God told Moses to make a bronze serpent hung on a pole. It was big enough that when he stood it up in the midst of the camp, 3 million people could see it. Whoever was bitten and looked upon the bronze serpent would be healed. God did not say whoever touches it, or understands it, but whoever lays eyes upon and believes will be healed. When Jesus hung on the cross, He took the venom of sin upon Him, and became the cure for the ills of the human race. Christianity is the only religion in the world that doesn’t require some type of work to be saved. The work’s already been done. There are people every day who resolve to do better, but our striving will always miss the mark. We must look to the cross; only the Great Physician can heal us.

PRAY

Thank You for the gift of salvation and for the faith to receive it. Open the eyes of the lost that they would see You, lifted up for them, and find healing.

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