

Daily Devotional

Day Sixteen

(The Serpent on the Pole)

When the children of Israel were in the wilderness they began to complain to Moses. They accused Moses of failing them by not giving them the Promised Land. They called the “Manna” that God had provided for them “worthless bread”. God heard their complaints and sent serpents to bite them. Many of them died. They repented to Moses and asked him to pray for them, so that, the serpents would leave. Moses prayed and God told Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole. He told Moses to tell the people if they are bitten to look at the serpent on the pole and they will live. Jesus compared himself to the serpent on the pole that Moses’ had lifted up. Jesus also said, “If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me”. In the Bible bronze is a picture of judgment. A serpent is a picture of sin. The bronze serpent on the pole is a picture of the judgment for sin. The serpents biting the people are a picture of the judgment for sin, for the wages of sin is death. When the people were bitten and they looked at the serpent on the pole they saw the serpent being judged for their sin. When they saw the serpent bearing the judgment for their sin they were free from their sin. When they were free from their sin it had no power to afflict them therefore they were healed. The serpent on the pole was a picture of Jesus on the cross. Jesus bore our sins. He became sin. God judged Jesus for our sins and he died for us. The serpents biting the people are a picture of being bitten by the curse of the Law. When we are bitten by the curse of the Law (sickness, disease, pain, oppression and poverty) we are instructed to look at Jesus on the cross. When we see Jesus bearing our judgment we are forgiven. Once we are forgiven there is no judgment. All we have to do is resist the curse and it will flee from us. When you do not understand what took place on the cross and continue to live under condemnation and feel unworthy of God you too are calling the “Manna” (Jesus’ broken body) worthless. People are weak, sick, and die early because they do not understand what took place on the cross. When you understand what Jesus did for you on the cross you will be healed and you will live. Jesus made an exchange with you on the cross. He bore your sin and gave you his perfect righteousness. He bore your judgment for sin (death) and gave you his abundant life. He went to hell so you could go to heaven. He rose again from the dead so that you could resurrect with him a brand new, born again, new creation in Christ Jesus. You have already been judged with Christ. You have already been buried with Christ and you have already resurrected with him a new man. You cannot judge a dead man therefore God will never judge you for your sins. They have already been judged at the cross. Now that you are free from sin walk in the newness of life that Jesus purchased for you.

Prayer

Father I thank you for sending Jesus to be the serpent on the pole. I thank you Jesus for bearing my judgment for sin. I thank you for dying in my place and giving me your abundant life. I receive my forgiveness and my healing and good health that Jesus purchased for me.

Confession

I see Jesus bearing the judgment for my sin. I see Jesus bearing my sickness, disease and pain. I resist sickness in my body and I receive the healing that Jesus purchased for me. I am healed by the stripes Jesus bore for me. I am redeemed from the curse of the Law.