

## **Moses Raising the Bronze Serpent**

### **Scripture reading: Numbers 21:1-9**

Have you seen a person who was bit by a snake? When the snake's poison enters a person's body, it starts swelling and the person goes through excruciating pain. The body color might change and there could be blood coming out of the person's mouth. Finally the person will faint and go unconscious. When this happens, the poison will start reacting more inside him.

The Israelites were bit by numerous snakes. They realized that this was the punishment for their sins. Therefore they came to Moses and cried out saying, "We have sinned against God and against you, and please pray for us that we might be saved".

When Moses prayed for those people, God answer his prayer with a commandment. Moses did a serpent of bronze and lifted it high on a pole so that all could see the serpent. God said that those who were dying because of the poison will be saved if they just saw the serpent that was lifted. The people obeyed and trusted in the words of Moses and started seeing then bronzed serpent that was lifted. All the people, young and old, all were saved when they saw the serpent. The poison in the body lost its power. Many believed on the words of Moses, did accordingly and was saved; but for a few it seemed to be foolish. Such unbelievers' lives were fatal.

Even sin is like the poison of the serpent. The wages of sin is death. Sin separated man from God. Is there a solution for such a deadly poison? Yes there is. There is no salvation in any other name except for the name of Jesus.

Our savior who was lifted on the cross carried on Him all our sins. If we look unto Him and believe that he has borne our sins and died for us, we shall have everlasting life.

### **Questions:**

- 1) What did the people consider as a punishment for their sins?
- 2) What should the person who was bit by the snake do for him to be saved?
- 3) What is the solution for our sins?