

# The Bronze Serpent

## John 3

When I relate to God on the basis of resume it blocks real relationship.

Nicodemus = “Victor over the people.”

(v.2) “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one could perform these signs You do unless God were with him.”

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"I praise you 24/7!!! And this is how you do me!!! You expect me to learn from this??? How??? I'll never forget this!! Ever!!"

RECEIVE NEW LIFE



(v.3) Jesus replied, "I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 13:30

After receiving the piece of bread, he went out immediately.

And it was night.

John 3:19

This, then is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and the people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:9-10

(v.9) “How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus. (v.10) “Are you a teacher of Israel and don’t know these things?” Jesus replied.

## Ezekiel 36:25

I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone[f] and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances.

TRUST NEW LOVE

John 3:11-12

“I assure you: We speak what We know and We testify to what We have seen, but you do not accept Our testimony. 12 If I have told you about things that happen on earth and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about things of heaven?”

John 3:13-15

No one has ascended into heaven except the One who descended from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.



## Numbers 21:4-9

4 Then they set out from Mount Hor by way of the Red Sea to bypass the land of Edom, but the people became impatient because of the journey. 5 The people spoke against God and Moses: “Why have you led us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread or water, and we detest this wretched food!”

6 Then the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and they bit them so that many Israelites died. 7 The people then came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede with the Lord so that He will take the snakes away from us." And Moses interceded for the people.

8 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake image and mount it on a pole. When anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will recover.” 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and mounted it on a pole. Whenever someone was bitten, and he looked at the bronze snake, he recovered.

Life Himself was identified with death; the Light of the world was enveloped in darkness. The feet of the Man who said, “I am the Way” feared to tread upon it and prayed, “If it be possible, not that way.” The Water of Life was thirsty. The Bread of life was hungry. The divine Lawgiver was Himself unjustly outlawed. The Holy One was identified with the unholy. The Lion of Judah was crucified as a Lamb. The hands that made the world and raised the dead were fixed by nails until they were rigid in death. Mens’ hope of heaven descended into hell.

—Frank Lake

As we grow in friendship and oneness with Jesus, we begin to recognize the eternal life within us and are less attracted by the idols of money or power, We begin to see people as Jesus sees them; we begin to love and serve them as Jesus loves and serves them and we begin to see and love ourselves and Jesus sees us and loves us.

—Jean Vanier

John 3:16

“For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17-18

For God did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 Anyone who believes in Him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.

## Closing Meditation

“Relationship with the living God is rooted in rebirth, not a resume!”

Have I been truly born again?

Father, where are you calling me to live out of new life?  
Holy Spirit breath life into [name the area, addiction, or situation]