

SERMON NOTES



Shadows:

A Glimpse of a Snake!

March 11, 2024

Colossians 2:17 **These are a shadow** of the things that were to come; **the reality**, however, **is found in Christ**.

What is your reaction to a snake?

Numbers 21:4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But **the people grew impatient** on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

6 Then the **LORD sent venomous snakes among them**; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 The LORD said to Moses, "**Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.**" 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

1. Out of our _____ slithers _____.

- Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

a. An _____ heart rebels against the _____ of God.

- Exodus 32 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

b. A _____ heart lacks trust in the _____ of God.

- *Habakkuk 1:2 How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? 3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. 4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.*

2. Out of God's _____ bites _____.

a. We want to eliminate the _____ without addressing the _____.

- *Exodus 10:16 Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. 17 Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me."*

b. God wants to address the _____ before removing the _____.

- *Ezekiel 18:21 "But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live; they will not die. 22 None of the offenses they have committed will be remembered against them. Because of the righteous things they have done, they will live. 23 Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?"*

3. Out of God's _____ hangs a _____!

a. God attached a _____ to a snake

b. God attaches a _____ to his Son.

- *John 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*
- *Colossians 3:11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." 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 hung on a tree."*

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: Do you know someone going through a challenging time and is angry at God? Perhaps the story of the Israelites can relate but give a different place to turn...trust the plan and goodness of God!

NEXT WEEK: Shadows: A glimpse of a Scapegoat!

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MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: