



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## **Beware What You Lift Up**

Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler of Israel, knew Moses lifted a bronze serpent up on a pole. Serpents bit the Israelites in the wilderness because they complained against Moses and God. Then, God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole. The people were to look intently at the bronze serpent, which symbolized only one God, and looking at him provided their healing (Numbers 21:8-9). Nicodemus learned in a conversation with Jesus that he, Jesus, would go through the same (John 3:14-15, NKJV). Jesus told his disciples if he was lifted up from the earth, he would draw people to him (John 12:32). The priests, out of hatred, for Jesus had him nailed to the cross while people stood or sat to watch him die (Matthew 27:35-36, Luke 23:34-35). Jesus implied he was a bronze serpent, which meant he came to judge Satan, the ruler of this world, by being hung on the cross (John 12:31).

Beloved, nearly a thousand years after Moses put the bronze serpent on a pole, the Israelites worshipped it as an idol (2 Kings 18:4). It had to be removed because idolatry is not worshipping God. It is worshipping something he created. Therefore, we must be careful what we set before us, so it does not replace Jesus, who hung on a cross for our redemption and freedom from Satan (Romans 3:24, Galatians 5:1).

Shalom

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