

*Questions  
You Have  
Asked*

**Why Was A Serpent Used To Heal The Bitten?  
Satan Was A Serpent In The Garden Of Eden.**

## **Numbers 21:4-9**

**4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.**

**5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.**

**6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.**

## **Numbers 21:4-9 - continued**

**7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.**

**8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.**

**9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.**

# **I. Why A Brazen Serpent Used?**

## **A. God wants you to realize why**

### **1. A result of the sin of disobedience**

#### **Galatians 6:7-8**

**7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

**8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

### **2. A recollection of the sin**

#### **Psalms 51:3**

**For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.**

# **I. Why A Brazen Serpent Used?**

**A. God wants you to realize why**

**3. A remembrance to not return to the sin**

**Numbers 16:39**

**And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar:**

# **I. Why A Brazen Serpent Used?**

## **B. God makes His way for redemption**

### **1. The way God says**

**Has no connection to the serpent in the garden**

### **2. The way to look**

#### **Psalm 121:1-2**

**1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.**

**2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.**

#### **John 3:14**

**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**

# **I. Why A Brazen Serpent Used?**

**C. Keep God as the focus not what God uses or does**

**2 Kings 18:4**

**He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.**



**Can Our Loved Ones In Heaven See Us From  
Heaven?**

## **II. Verses Used to Support The View They Can**

### **A. Hebrews 12:1**

**Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so *great a cloud of witnesses*, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

**Cloud - A great throng**

**Bible does not say they are looking but provide a great number of historical examples/testimonies**

## **II. Verses Used to Support The View They Can**

### **B. Revelation 6:9-11**

**9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:**

**10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**

**11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

**A Sense Of Time And Awareness But Not Looking**

## **II. Verses Used to Support The View They Can**

### **C. Luke 16:23, 27-28**

**23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:**

**28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.**

**Seeing In Afterlife But Not Looking At Earth's Events**

## **II. Verses Used to Support The View They Can**

### **D. Luke 15:10**

**Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.**

**Seeing Results In Heaven Of Earth Events But Not the  
Event Itself**

## **II. Verses Used to Support The View They Can**

### **E. To Look To Earth Is To Look Away From God**

#### **Revelation 4:8-11**

**8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

**9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,**

**10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,**

**11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

**What Does It Mean ...**

**Psalm 51:5**

**Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did  
my mother conceive me.**

# **III. Not The Act But Human Condition**

**A. Iniquity - Depravity**

**B. Sin – Condition of sin (Guilty)**

**Romans 5:12**

**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**