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Issue 2

THE SERPENT - John 3:14

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. John chapter three is one of the most important interviews to be found in the Word of God, Jesus and Nicodemus. In this interview the Lord spoke of the Old Testament incident of the brazen serpent. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up? This was not a mythological story; Jesus regarded this Old Testament account as a true historical event.

On the way to the Promised Land Israel had become discouraged because of the way. Not only did they get tired of the way of the Lord, but they also got tired of the food God gave them manna from Heaven. The Israelites referred to it as light bread. The meaning of light bread was really vile bread. This was an expression of contempt for the food God gave them. The term light bread was a derogatory term. It could be called miserable, worthless, rotten food. They had a longing for the fish from the Nile that they did eat freely in the land of Egypt. They longed for the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions and the garlic. All of this rich food helped them generate a race of slaves to serve Pharaoh. After God delivered them from bondage and led them across the Red Sea on dry ground, they decided they preferred to live in bondage and eat Pharaoh's food, rather than the manna of God that they called miserable, rotten food. What an insult that must have been to God.

This is typical of much of the Lord's people today; who after they have been delivered from the defilements of this world through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ decide, they prefer to go back into the slavery in the land of SPIRITUAL EGYPT.

Many Christians today have addicted themselves to every fleshly appetite including, THE ONIONS OF OPINIONS of false teachers, the CUCUMBERS OF COMPROMISE, the GARLIC OF ANOTHER GOSPEL, the MEL-

ONS OF MAN TO THE MANNA OF GOD.

As the Apostle John says: "They love the glory of men more than the glory of God."

Many of God's people today are enslaved to drugs, pornography, passion, booze; the idolatry of sports, sexual perversion, that Paul calls a vile passion. They have contempt for the bread of God's word and the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper. Their contempt is shown in their senseless round of activities in entertainment and the constant jibber jabbering about sports on radio all the while feeding on the slop of the soap on television and no time for the bread of life.

Actually in the wilderness the serpents had been there all the time. Moses in this farewell address according to Deuteronomy five reminded the people of God's protection before this event. Moses asked, "Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water, who brought forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna?"

The fiery serpents were there all the time, but God had protected His people and fed them, and when they began to blame God for all their problems; God withdrew His protecting hand and the serpents came. People like to blame God for their problems. One man who had a problem asked me to pray for him. He said, "I want you to pray to YOUR God, and if YOUR God will not answer YOUR prayer in ten days, I am going to kill myself." These Israelites blamed God also for their problems and accused Him of feeding them rotten food that wasn't fit to eat. That did it. Then God let the serpents take over.

We cannot help but remember that the protective hand of God has been on America from the beginning. But when we see that it is politically incorrect to use the name of Jesus Christ in public prayer, the law against prayer in

schools, the offensiveness to say Merry Christmas, and the contempt of the inspired word of God, we wonder how long before it becomes politically incorrect to sing on the airways, God Bless America. After all we must not offend some Godless reprobate. At some point God may withdraw His protective hand from America. Was nine eleven the beginning of the end? Could be!

In the wilderness if they had been like us they would have asked Moses to persuade the elders to raise a few million dollars so we can develop a serum that will make everybody immune from snakebite. There must be a pill or a shot if we spend enough money. Perhaps, if we send out the riot squad that would be the answer.

They found out there was only one answer and that was God's plan. God said to Moses, "Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived." They were cured when they believed Moses and LOOKED at the serpent. Of course they believed Moses, but their faith did not save until they LOOKED.

The remedy for the bite of the serpent was a cure no one would have thought of in a million years. In desperation they had turned to God for the answer. The answer was look at the fiery serpent lifted up on a pole.

Such a command would not make sense for many today. There is no natural reason why such a plan would work. There is no scientific proof for such a procedure. There is no mathematical equation that could possibly have the answer.

Remember Paul said in First Corinthians, "The preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that perish, but to us who are saved it is the power of God." The foolishness of God is wiser than men. He also explains why some cannot believe when he said, "Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them because they are spiritually discerned.

LOOK at the Christ lifted up. In Matthew eleven, John the Baptist sent and asked a very important question. "Art Thou He that cometh or LOOK we for another." Jesus said, "Go tell John what you have seen and heard." When John heard what Jesus had done he knew his search as over. Those who LOOK at what Jesus has done today have found the most important thing in life. Your search is over. LOOK to Jesus who was lifted up.

LOOK at Christ again as the Apostle John said in his nineteenth chapter. "They LOOKED on Him whom they pierced." Go and LOOK at Jesus in the observance of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week, and LOOK on Him whom you pierced.

Look again at Jesus in the first chapter of John. Andrew and John LOOKED upon Jesus as He walked and followed Him. Jesus asked what seek ye? They asked, "Rabbi where abidest Thou?" Jesus said, "Come and see." They came and saw where He abode and they abode with Him that day. Andrew and John wanted to spend some private time with Jesus. If you are LOOKING for Jesus you will want to spend some private time with Him each day. Spend private time with Him in the place where you abide.

In Hebrews nine we get a good LOOK at Jesus when we read, "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment; so Christ also having been offered once for the sins of the many shall appear a second apart from sin unto them who LOOK for Him unto salvation." Are you LOOKING for Jesus to return?

LOOK to Jesus as Jude has a wonderful word of encouragement when he tells us, "Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, LOOKING for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

One of the best ways to get a good LOOK at Jesus is to read the eighty-nine chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Almost half of the New Testament tells the story of Jesus and the theme of the whole story can be told in John 3:14. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." Read the four gospels and get a good LOOK at Jesus who was lifted up.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the ground around the cross is level. The scholar stands there beside the High School drop out, the billionaire stands there with the person who works for minimum wage. All are equal before God because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. LOOK at the foot of the cross and you see the Apostle Paul who said he was the chief of sinners and besides him is Cornelius who prayed always and gave much alms to the people. The ground is level at the cross.

LOOK to the uplifted Christ on the cross and be healed. Don't LOOK to the preacher. Don't LOOK to your denomination. Look to Jesus. Don't LOOK at the hypocrites. Look to Jesus. Don't look at yourself, LOOK to Jesus. LOOK to the uplifted Christ.

They were not told to LOOK at Moses, LOOK to the serpent on the pole. Neither are we to LOOK to Moses. There is no salvation in Moses or the law of Moses. Paul said the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Moses cannot save anyone. LOOK to Jesus on the cross.

They were not told to pray to the serpent, but LOOK at the serpent. Some think they have to pray for salvation by asking Jesus to come into their hearts. You don't need to pray that prayer, God wants to save you. He just wants you to accept what He is willing to give you. So LOOK to the Christ who gave His life on the cross and do what He says, stop praying for it, and accept it. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned. LOOK and live.

Then remember what Paul tells us in Titus when he says, "LOOK for the blessed hope and appearing of the great God our Savior who gave Himself up for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity." The day will come when all men saved and lost will LOOK up and see the Christ who was lifted up on the cross. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.



LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

Before I proceed further let me wish you, your family and each and every one of you at GIJAPA a Christ filled Christmas and a blessed New Year 2006. I thank you all for regularly sending to me your audio tapes (sermons). These tapes have greatly enriched my knowledge of the Bible. My sister and myself listen to these sermons of yours ever so often over and over. We also try our level best to explain the truth of the Bible to our friends and to others. Do accept my thanks for the good work you're doing of spreading the holy gospel to the world. May our heavenly Father richly bless you all in all your needs to continue the good work you're doing.

Your brother in Christ,
Newton from Mumbai, INDIA

Dear Ed & Naomi

CONGRATULATIONS! and Thank you for 8 full calendar years of short-wave broadcasting; and on behalf of all listeners in the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland. Robert Bucheler from Northumbria, GB. (Robert and his mother, Kathleen listen every Lord's Day to Bible Voice Europe and Bible Voice Russia and sends us a reception report. We thank them for their 8 years of faithfulness to GIJAPA.)

Dear Bro. Ed Bousman,

I am very happy to write this letter to you hope you are fine. With us we are all right. Thank you for the books--3 NT Sermon books--you sent to me. I send this letter to inform you that I still want to continue with all your studies--Principles of Christian Living and Discipling for Jesus. These studies are very helpful to me here. Please remember me in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
John from Manzini, Swazukabd

Dear Brother Ed,

Greetings to you in the lovely name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. I am writing to say thank you for all your offerings may Lord Jesus bless you--the 3 NT Sermon Books and Certificate that I received upon completion of 30 lessons--Studies in the Bible. I am happy about the lesson Discipling for Jesus the questions are so blessing than you and God bless you again. I have a shortage in understanding some words for some of my English is poor, if possible please send me a Bible Dictionary? Here in our country as I told you before Christianity becomes difficult so people are so happy if they get such lessons for there are no Church because of our government will persecute the Christians. Please don't print my name or where I'm from.
S.H. from E. Africa

To Dear Ed Bousman,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. My name is T.G. you sent me a Bible in February 2003. God

bless you for that. Now I am a full time minister and youth pastor in a Church that is closed by the government here, so we have gone underground. Most senior pastors are in prison, Christianity is persecuted highly here. I am teaching an English teacher, please send her an English Bible and the Studies in the Bible.

E. Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

I'm grateful to write and ask for the free book (great Bible lessons & Bible Course.) I am a regular listener of your broadcast in Bible Voice Russia. Your messages have been of immense resuscitation to my soul. I have been under the master's discipline for 2 1/2 years now for lawlessness and neglected of God's word. However I have realized my errors and asking your ministry to help and pray for me that the Lord might have mercy on me and turn my imprisonment to probation, so that I can be able to care for my wife and 5 children. Sir I'm waiting to hear from you. May the Lord bless your ministry and continue to use you as blessings to people.

Yours in Him,
Emeresha from Czeck Republic, Europe

Hello to you all,

Welcome, good friends. Most recent I tuned to short-wave on my radio signal are weak but I suffice the problems and weak reception and listen much as possible. By some luck I got your signal and wholeheartedly sat and listened to your programme--God Is Just A Prayer Away. Just about to get up and get a cup of tea put on when I heard there is FREE OFFERS to any body who writes and requesting for your gospel Bible study course. While requesting these do you have a programme times and any literature available. Also and lastly any samplers of CD and tapes to forward on? I kindly await your reply soon.

Very best wishes,
Tvaren from Cambridgeshire, Great Britain

Beloved Pastor in Christ,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Just a few lines to thank you for your powerful and life changing message broadcasted through Radio Africa. The message is an exceptional blessing to my life every Monday at 7 PM. I thank you for your concern for the lost. Please send me a copy of the Bible and free Bible Study Course you offered at the end of your programme.

Yours in Christ,
Ademola from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Brother Ed,

These warm greetings are sent to you at Christmas to let you know that you're remembered and wish you very wonderful New Year that brings you life's best. The books you sent (*Ed's NT books are sent upon completion of the 30 Studies in the Bible lessons*) help me a great deal. The Lord bless you and your ministry.

Nelson from Tirunelvely, India

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Hearty greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus. I am an evangelist with a congregation of 30 believers. My friend gave your address I beseech you for your fervent prayers and spiritual encouragement. I am a younger and energetic to go by walk to reach the unreached in my area of India. To preach the gospel of Jesus in India is nothing but quixatory. People have worship thousands of man-made Gods and I have to focus my Jesus as a Savior of mankind. My congregation members are daily laborers in agriculture fields. Most of the people are uneducated and my area is especially terrorist area. There much to ripe but the laborers are few. Due to my poverty I am unable to attend my Lord's work daily. I am praying for your family and ministry. Please pray for my congregational and family. I am expecting a warm reply from you. Remember me in your daily prayers.

Your loving brother in Christ

G.P. from Andhra Pradesh, India

(We sent Bible packet with P.H. Welshimer tract, first 5 lessons, newsletter and crack & peel label in his Bible telling him of the NT Plan of Salvation and the Church the Body of Christ.)

Brother in Christ,

I was delighted to hear your servant ministering the word of God through my small transistor short wave radio and felt as I have read many books they might not have changed my life but then through your organization I can be able to hear the word of God. I am a person who has English as a second language after my mother tongue LUO but then with the evening classes I have managed to improve my spoken as well as written English to the standard of GCSE--general Certificate in Secondary Education. I have lived in UK for fifteen years now but I originally came from Africa East of the continent. I hope to use the lesson from the gospel lessons and my prayer is that through this study I will not just gain some Bible knowl-

edge but then I shall be gripped by the gospel. It is a pleasure to let you know that you offer lessons free of charge and I hope to receive my copy soon. May God bless you and the course team.

George in Birmingham, United Kingdom

Letter from 1983

Dear Ed,

I listen to your program faithfully on W.I.B.C. in Indianapolis. You are about the biggest bag of wind on the airways today. Your warped, stupid ideas about religion are more amusing than any of the programs on television or radio today.

Keep up the good work. We need to laugh often.
Indianapolis, Indiana

~ BIBLE UPDATE ~

We thank each of you for your generous gifts for Bibles and postage since the December 10th update. You have made it possible for thousands of people through out the world to have their very own copy of God's Word for the first time. Picture the joy on a child's face this past Christmas morning as they opened a gift they had longed for from you, and now imagine the sight of a person holding God's Word in their own two hands for the very first time, or for some prisoner having a Bible in print large enough for failing eyes and dim light to read. You have made it possible because you gave a special gift marked "for Bibles and/or postage." We received a total of \$11,629.60 from 26 individuals (\$3,604.00) and 5 Churches (\$8260.50). We have spent \$3,306.00 on Bibles of which \$770.00 is large print Bibles for prisoners or others with failing eyesight, and \$4,808.00 on postage to mail them. May God bless you for your generosity that we pray will be multiplied many times over for the glory of God.

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