

Lesson #10 – Obeying & Disobeying God

Once again the people were on the move in the wilderness. They came to Mt. Hor, and there Aaron died. Aaron's son, Eleazar became the high priest after Aaron died. Moses put the special garments on Eleazar. All the people were sad at Aaron's death.

The Israelites left Mt. Hor to continue their journey. Once again they complained about God and about Moses. They were tired of the food God gave them to eat. They made God angry again, and He sent serpents or snakes into the camp. These were poisonous snakes, and they began to bite the people. Many of the people died from the snake bites.

The people soon realized they had been wrong to speak against God and Moses. They came to Moses and said, "We have sinned against God and you. Please pray to the Lord to take away these snakes from us."

Moses did ask God to take away the serpents. God told Moses to make a serpent and put it on a pole where all the people could see it. Everyone who was bitten by the serpents was to look upon the snake and they would live.

Moses did as God said. He put a bronze snake on a tall pole. He told the people what God had said for them to do. It was true for as those bitten came to see the serpent, they were made well.

The people had to do what God said to get well, didn't they? What would happen if someone refused to go to look at the snake on the pole? Of course, they would die! Why? Because they would not obey God.

We must still obey God today. God tells us what to do in the Bible. It is our choice to obey God or not obey. If we do not obey, we will face some bad consequences.

Jesus was put on a cross for us. He will give us forgiveness of sins if we look to him and obey. If we choose not to obey, we will have bad consequences. John 3:16 tells us that God sent His Son to give us everlasting life. However, we must believe and obey Jesus to go to heaven and receive everlasting life. We need to make the right choice to do right.

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QUESTIONS

- T. F 1. Moses' son became high priest when Aaron died.
- T F 2. Eleazar became high priest.
- T F 3. The people complained again.
- T F 4. God sent snakes into the camp.
- T F 5. No one died from the snakes biting them.
- T F 6. Many people died.
- T F 7. The people asked Moses to pray to God.
- T F 8. Moses would not pray.
- T F 9. God told Moses to put a snake on a pole.
- T F 10. The people had to look at the snake on the pole to get well.
- T F 11. Moses made a brass serpent.
- T F 12. We must look at a brass serpent to be saved today.
- T F 13. We must choose to obey Jesus.