

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Numbers** chapter **21** verses **4-9**, which can be found on page **173** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

⁴Then they left Mount Hor by way of the Red Sea to march round the flank of Edom. But on the way they grew impatient and spoke against God and Moses. 'Why have you brought us up from Egypt', they said, 'to die in the desert where there is neither food nor water? We are heartily sick of this miserable fare.' Then the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and they bit the Israelites so that many of them died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and you. Plead with the Lord to rid us of the snakes.' Moses therefore pleaded with the Lord for the people; and the Lord told Moses to make a serpent of bronze and erect it as a standard, so that anyone who had been bitten could look at it and recover. So Moses made a bronze serpent and erected it as a standard, so that when a snake had bitten a man, he could look at the bronze serpent and recover.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John** chapter **3** verses **13-1**, which can be found on page **114** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹³'No one ever went up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man whose home is in heaven. This Son of Man must be lifted up as the serpent was lifted up by Moses in the wilderness, so that everyone who has faith in him may in him possess eternal life.

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‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life. It was not to judge the world that God sent his Son into the world, but that through him the world might be saved.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.