



Healing School

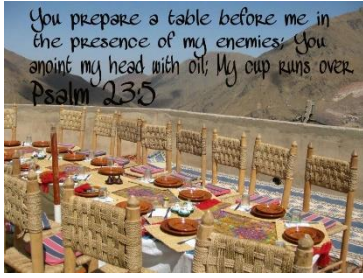
Worksheet 5 The 'look' that saves and heals

1. **Bible Study and Reflection:** The bronze serpent on the pole -A type of Jesus on the cross. Read Numbers 21: 1-8:

Context: Edom had denied Israel permission to cross its land on their way to Canaan (Num. 20:14-21). God told Moses not to fight against Edom (Deut. 2:4-5). So, Moses turned the people southeast (the Promised Land was northwest) to make a long, difficult journey around the land of Edom at which point, the Israelites grew impatient. They had just seen a great victory over some Canaanites (Num. 21:1-3). Why couldn't they march through Edom and kill any Edomites that opposed them? They started to grumble against God and Moses (Num. 21:5), "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food." As a result of their grumbling and despising God's gracious provision of manna and care in the wilderness, the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people as judgment, so that many died. The people acknowledged their sin, came to Moses and asked him to pray for a remedy, which was to look at the snake on the pole, and they would be healed.

- 1) What did they have to do to be healed?
- 2) The 'look' was more than a casual glance. What kind of 'look' did it have to be?
- 3) What would they have to ignore to keep their gaze intently fixed on the snake on the pole? (To get the full meaning of this 'gaze', look in the Amplified Bible, or research the words in Blue Letter Bible)
- 4) How many who looked were healed?
- 5) How does this relate to physical healing?
Read John 3: 14 -15.
- 6) How do the scriptures in Numbers foreshadow the death of Jesus on the cross?
- 7) What does the snake represent?

The 'look' that saves is not a quick, cursory look, but an intense, focused gaze that brings life, salvation and healing as we fix our eyes on Jesus, the one who saves.



2. Bible Study and Reflection: Psalm 23: Feasting at God's Table in the presence of enemies

There's another passage in the Bible with a similar lesson to focus on the good things of God rather than on the enemies. Prayerfully read Psalm 23 and reflect particularly on vs 5.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what the 'enemies' are and name them here.

- Make a point of turning your attention away from the 'enemies'
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is on the table.
- Draw those things on the table below and decorate it with His abundance.
- Thank Him with gratefulness.

