

I. THE SIGHT TO BE SEEN

- A. Amazing Discovery
 - i. After much study and experimentation
 - ii. And rigid testing on as many as six direct test subjects
 - iii. I have discovered that a three-year-old can read
 - iv. I won't bore you with the lengthy scientific details
 - v. But the key seems to center upon the world "McDonalds"
- B. Why do they put the signs so high?
 - i. To be seen! No other reason!
 - ii. Two lane road to Branson
 - 1. Pre-historic times (Prior to the modern iPhone era)
 - 2. Count the signs for Silver Dollar City
 - 3. The world of the past awaits...
 - a. With some guy blowing glass
 - b. Or a water powered sawmill
 - c. 13 or more in a 20-mile stretch
 - iii. They wanted you to know!
 - iv. They wanted you to see!
- C. Text – John 3:14-21

II. THE SERVANT IN THE WILDERNESS – NUMBERS 21:1-6

- A. The Discouraged Children
 - 1. Great battle won by the Lord
 - a. The king Arad fought against them
 - b. But they prayed!
 - c. The Lord gave them the victory!
 - b. They should have been walking HIGH!
 - 2. Their soul was much discouraged (vs. 4)
 - a. And the people started to complain
 - i. They thought they were speaking against Moses
 - ii. But the Bible tells us the truth
 - iii. They were speaking against God
 - b. Wherefore have ye brought us out?
 - c. Because it was God's plan!
 - i. God promised Abraham
 - ii. And that promise was still true!
 - 3. Imagine what they had just seen God do
 - a. The poverty of slavery
 - b. The plagues of Egypt
 - c. The passing over of the death-angel
 - d. The pursuit by an army

- c. The passage through the Red Sea
- 4. Realize what they are saying
 - a. "No bread"
 - i. They didn't trust God to fend for them
 - ii. They were mocking God's power
 - b. "Neither is there any water"
 - i. Exodus 17:6 Moses smote the rock
 - ii. Water flowed abundantly
 - iii. Later God said "speak" to the rock
 - iv. Couldn't go into the Promised Land
 - v. I Cor. 10:4 "that Rock was Christ!"
 - c. "Our soul loatheth this light bread"
 - i. They spoke of the manna that fell
 - ii. Our daily bread...
 - iii. They despised the Bread of Life!
 - iv. They loathed the Word!
- B. The Deadly Serpents
 - 1. They were bitten
 - a. Much of the people died
 - b. Fiery Serpents!
 - c. Supernatural
 - 2. I do know that God can get your attention!
 - a. Saved people may NOT just go about their own way
 - b. And do whatever they want to do
 - c. Christian liberty does not mean a license to sin
 - i. "I can just ask for forgiveness"
 - ii. Better look out!
 - d. A lost person has NO freedom to serve God
 - e. The lost are bound by sin - only the saved are FREE to obey God
 - f. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed! - John 8:36
- C. Brazen Serpent (vs. 7-9)
 - 1. The people begged Moses to pray for them
 - a. An indication of their spiritual condition
 - b. Do we ever ask for prayer?
 - i. And then not pray ourselves?
 - c. Why do we take a beating before we repent?
 - 2. Moses went to the Lord
 - a. The Lord gave him instructions
 - b. Do this and this!
 - i. It is ALWAYS God's way!
 - ii. It was HIGH upon a pole!
 - 3. It was life for a LOOK!
 - a. The old man in his tent
 - b. Dying from the bite of the fiery serpent
 - c. Please! Won't you pull the tent flap back a little!
 - d. I need to look upon that brazen serpent!

III. THE SERPENT IN THE GARDEN – GENESIS 3:1

- A. The well-known story
 - 1. “Yea, hath God said?”
 - a. Casting doubt on the Word of God!
 - 2. Sin entered the Universe
 - a. And death
 - b. And corruption
 - 3. Law of First Mention
 - a. Serpents are a type of sin
 - b. Ask any small child...
- B. Praise God for 3:15
 - 1. Told the serpent:
 - a. Yeah, you’ll bruise his heel,
 - b. But He’s going to bruise your head!
 - 2. God had a plan!

IV. THE SAVIOR ON THE CROSS – MATTHEW 27:35

- A. The most illegal trial in history
 - 1. He was without sin
 - 2. Blameless!
- B. He was lifted up on the Cross (vs. 42)
 - 1. They said, “Let him now come DOWN”
 - 2. He was up HIGH
 - a. Nailed to a cross
 - b. High on Golgotha hill
- C. John 3:14
 - 1. “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up...”
 - a. Placed high by the leadership of the Jews
 - b. Placed high by the mercy of God
 - c. Placed high by the love of God
 - 2. Able to SAVE! Able to SAVE! Able to SAVE!
 - 3. Wait! Didn’t you say that serpents meant sin?
 - a. How could Jesus Christ be compared with sin?
 - b. How dare you?
 - 4. II Corinthians 5:21 – “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

V. THE SALVATION IN THE LOOK

- A. Life for a look!
 - 1. In the Wilderness
 - a. One look would heal

- b. But it took faith
 - c. It was a gift, but it had to be received
 - d. The little boy said:
 - i. "God did the saving"
 - ii. "I did the letting"
 - 2. They were dying!
 - a. No hope!
 - b. No works!
 - c. No medicine could save them!
- B. My lost friend, YOU are dying in the wilderness of SIN!
 - 1. Dying!
 - a. No hope!
 - b. No works!
 - c. No religion can save you!
 - d. You need the Great Physician!
- C. It is life for a look at the Savior!
 - 1. Free and clear
 - 2. The payment has already been made!
 - 3. Repent of sin toward God
 - a. Look with an eye of faith toward Jesus Christ!
 - 4. Come to Christ today!