Sermon: Thanksgiving

Text: Numbers 21:5-9 NASB

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5 So the people spoke against God and Moses: "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no [a]food and no water, and [b]we are disgusted with [c]this miserable food."

The Bronze Serpent

6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. **7** So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you; intercede with the LORD, that He will remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people. **8** Then the LORD said to Moses, "[d]Make a fiery *serpent*, and put it on a flag *pole*; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, and looks at it, will live." **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it on the flag *pole*; and it came about, that if a serpent bit someone, and he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Footnotes

a. Numbers 21:5 Lit *bread*
b. Numbers 21:5 Lit *our soul is disgusted*
c. Numbers 21:5 I.e., the manna
d. Numbers 21:8 Lit *Make for yourself*