
TRANSFORMATIVE CHRISTIANITY

Part 6 – Identifying the Nehushtan in Your Life



2 Kings 18:1-4 & Numbers 21:4-9

2 Kings 18:1 - NLT

Hezekiah son of Ahaz began to rule over Judah in the third year of King Hoshea's reign in Israel.

2 Kings 18:2

He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 Kings 18:3

He did what was pleasing in the
Lord's sight, just as his ancestor
David had done.

2 Kings 18:4a

He removed the pagan shrines,
smashed the sacred pillars, and
cut down the Asherah poles.

2 Kings 18:4b

He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. The bronze serpent was called Nehushtan.

The Need for Transformation...

Our lives contain dry bones.

Our lives are filled with unjust suffering and needless pain.

Our hearts contain all 3 bad soils.

Our thinking needs to be renewed

We all have generational sins and strongholds we struggle with.



The Nehushtan (Numbers 21:4-9)

Numbers 21:4

Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient with the long journey,

Numbers 21:5a

and they began to speak against God and Moses. “Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?” they complained.

Numbers 21:5b

“There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!”

Numbers 21:6

So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died.

Numbers 21:7

Then the people came to Moses and cried out, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away the snakes.” So Moses prayed for the people.

Numbers 21:8

Then the Lord told him, “Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!”

Numbers 21:9

So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!

Principle #1

The main purpose behind all of God's gifts is to point us towards His Unconditional Love and His desire to save us.

Numbers 21:8

Then the Lord told him, “Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!”

Principle #2

When we use God's gifts in a way other than He intended, or for longer than He intended, the gifts become idols and often times, curses.

2 Kings 18:4b

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Principle #3

As followers of Christ, the idols we hold are often invisible and don't have an altar under them.

The idols we worship are more often than not, good things that became god things.

The Israelites were no longer in the wilderness. They were no longer getting bit by vipers. Their season had changed. Their mistake was that they relied on a temporary gift, instead of on the Eternal God.

Principle #4

**The more you learn to love, trust,
and worship God alone, the more
you will learn to hold His gifts
with an open hand.**

Principle #5

A more spiritually mature understanding of worship requires that we be able to distinguish the difference between God's gifts and His unconditional love for us.

Principle #5

It is okay to love and cherish the gifts that God gave you. But you need to evaluate whether or not you truly love God infinitely more.

Search Your Heart...

In whom or in what do you find
your greatest fulfillment?

Application #1

Enjoy God's gifts and be thankful for them, but live in a way that shows God is your greatest treasure and that He is the only one you worship.

Application #2

Enjoy the loving relationships
God's given you, but stop
demanding and expecting them
to provide you with what only
God can give you.

Application #3

If you love your job or your career, enjoy it and be thankful for it, but understand that true and lasting fulfillment can only come from God.

Application #4

Never forget that the gifts God has given you (and those that He will give you in the future), were never meant to compete for your heart or your worship. God is infinitely greater than His gifts.

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2 Kings 18:1-5 & Numbers 21:4-9