**DISPLEASED WITH THE DIVINE**

**Numbers 21:1-9**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. What are some of your pet peeves?
2. What happens when you pray to the Lord for patience?

**Numbers 21:1-9 (NLT)**   
1  The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev, heard that the Israelites were approaching on the road through Atharim. So he attacked the Israelites and took some of them as prisoners.   
2  Then the people of Israel made this vow to the LORD: “If you will hand these people over to us, we will completely destroy all their towns.”   
3  The LORD heard the Israelites’ request and gave them victory over the Canaanites. The Israelites completely destroyed them and their towns, and the place has been called Hormah ever since.   
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, 5  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. “There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!” 6  So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died. 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. 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!”   
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!

***EXPLORE***

* 1. How did the people express their impatience against God and Moses? ([21:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+21%3A5))
  2. What kind of punishment did the Lord give the Israelites for being impatient? ([21:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+21%3A6))
  3. How did the people ask Moses to intervene on their behalf? ([21:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+21%3A7))
  4. What did the Lord tell Moses to do with a snake? ([21:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+21%3A8))
  5. If someone was bitten by a snake, how could he or she be healed? ([21:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+21%3A9))

***APPLY***

* 1. What does this passage teach us about becoming impatient with God?
  2. How was Moses able to remain patient even when those around him were not?
  3. In what ways do our sins come back to hurt us?

* 1. How can we allow the Lord to fight our battles?

* 1. When you’re in a spiritual battle, how can patience bring a victory?

**Additional Thoughts:**

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