



## PAID IN FULL

*Debt canceled! The bill has been paid in full!*

Every person who has ever shopped knows what receipts are and what their purpose is. Most women use them as lining for their purses, while others use them for scratch pads, but no businessman or store was the first to give receipts — God was!

When we buy an item at the store, we are given a receipt as proof to anyone that the item has been paid for. If the purchased item is faulty, has defects, or has parts missing, we are assured of receiving a replacement if we return the item with the receipt.

The Old Testament records how God's people were delivered from Egyptian bondage. Later, they began to grumble and speak against God and His servant, Moses, because of the difficulty of their journey to the Promised Land.

Because the children of Israel displeased the Lord and spoke against Him and Moses, they left the will of God and thereby left the protection of God.

What the Israelites didn't realize was that serpents were plentiful in the wilderness; however, because the protection of God had been so all-encompassing, they never even knew all the dangers they were being protected from.

They didn't realize how dangerous it would be for them to be outside God's protection, so they spoke

against God and Moses with no fear of doing so.

After moving out from under God's protection through their grumbling words, they moved into the territory of judgment. Deadly, fiery serpents infiltrated their camp. Thousands of Israelites died and became ill from the serpents' bites.

The children of Israel repented to God and Moses. Then God gave them instructions on how to be healed. He told them to make a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole, and everyone who looked upon the pole would be healed.

There was healing power on the serpent on that pole, because it was a type of Jesus Christ hanging on the cross for the sins and sicknesses of humanity! What released that healing power?

Their look!

According to Numbers 21:8, "...every one that is bitten, when he LOOKETH upon it, shall live." Notice, if they had gazed in a direction other than the pole, healing would not have been theirs.

The direction you look determines the direction you will go!

Looking unto Jesus means more than a glance at the Word during the Sunday morning service. It means a continual feeding and constant dependence on the Word. Steady your gaze. It must be intent and immovable!

Those Israelites received healing that day by looking at just the foreshadow of Christ. How much more readily is healing available to the one who looks to Christ Himself and not merely a shadow of Him, as the Israelites did.

They received healing on credit that day. Then, at Calvary, the bill was stamped "paid in full"!

The healing scriptures are receipts for you and me to carry with us to show Satan that the bill of sickness and disease has been paid and canceled.

Suppose you owed a bill at the grocery store and went in one day to pay it, but before you could reach the counter, a friend met you and said, "Don't bother to pay your bill. I have already paid it, and here's the receipt as proof it has been paid." You would thank him and take the receipt.

If the owner approached you and said, "You still owe me for the bill you ran up," you would respond, "Oh no. I have a receipt right here showing that my friend paid my bill in full. You can't charge me twice."

Healing scriptures are our receipts showing that the debt we owed has been canceled. Jesus, the Friend who sticks closer than a brother, is the One who paid our debts!

So when the devil brings symptoms and pains around you, trying to collect on the same bill twice, you just tell him, "No! That debt has been paid in full, and this Bible is my receipt, showing the debt was paid on Calvary!"