

Acts 28:1-9 (NKJV) 28 Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta. 2 And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live." 5 But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. 7 In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days. 8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

Shake That Snake

1. God Handled the Snake's Position.

- **Genesis 3:14-15 (NKJV)** 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
- **Psalms 91:13 (NKJV)** You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- **Psalms 91:1 (NKJV)** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- **Ephesians 2:6 (NKJV)** and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
- **Romans 16:20 (NKJV)** And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

2. God Disarmed The Snake's Power.

- **Luke 10:18-19 (NKJV)** 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- **Colossians 2:14-15 (NKJV)** 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.
- **John 3:14-15 (NKJV)** 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

3. God Handled the Snake's Poison

- **Mark 16:17 (NKJV)** 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
- **Acts 28:4 (NKJV)** So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live."
- **Acts 28:5 (NKJV)** But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.
- **Acts 28:6 (NKJV)** However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.
- **Acts 28:8-9 (NKJV)** And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

 **God can turn your hurt into healing for someone else.**