

Beware of Snakes



- Acts 28:1-10

And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

³ And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

⁴ And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

⁶ Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

⁷ In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

⁸ And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

⁹ So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

¹⁰ Who also honored us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.



1. Beware of snakes when you're in unfamiliar territory.



New season



New position



New relationship



Snakes will always try to exert their authority over their former territory. They will strike!



2. Beware of snakes when you're working.

Don't get distracted.

Don't become weary in well doing.



3. Beware of snakes when you're near the FIRE.

Snakes will try to steal the attention.

A true Pentecostal Fire will flush out snakes.



4. Beware of snakes because they don't want to let go.

Snakes will try to steal the life from you.

Snakes will try to become one with you.

5. When a snake tries to fasten on to you, you must shake it off and God will give you...

a Testimony

Favor

Opportunity to minister





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