

YEAR OF THE SNAKE (2025)



The year of the Snake is here! The snake is the sixth of the twelve symbols in the Chinese Lunar calendar. The snake actually features in the history of the human race from the beginning...

A snake once spoke to the first woman, Eve, and beguiled her to eat from the tree forbidden by God.¹ She in turn persuaded her husband, Adam, to eat from the same tree. The serpent was none other than Satan. Two consequences followed the disobedience of Adam and Eve.² Firstly, the human race became guilty before God because Adam was their representative head. The good relationship with God was broken. Death, decay, and suffering, came to the human race.

Secondly, the sinful nature of Adam and Eve was passed down to their descendants who constitute the human race. Just as physical characteristics are inherited from the parents, so are invisible characteristics. That accounts for why human beings share the same physical and behavioural characteristics. Our sinful nature causes us to rebel against God, to break His commands, and to insist on our own ways.

We deserve eternal damnation from the God we have offended. No amount of good deeds can make up for our offence against Him. Nothing we do can change our sinful nature. To be accepted by God, our guilt against Him must be cancelled, and a perfect righteousness must be found to cover our sinfulness. How may we be saved?

There was a time when the Israelites were bitten by fiery serpents in judgement for their sins. God, in His mercy, commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent which was raised up on a pole. The dying Israelites who looked up to the raised serpent survived. This was to indicate that one day the Saviour would come to die on the cross for the sins of His people, and to give them eternal life. That Saviour is none other than Jesus Christ.³ The sinner who repents of his sin and believes in Christ will be treated as no more guilty, but righteous, by God.⁴

Jesus Christ is the antidote for those who have been stung by the serpent of old. You must turn to Christ to be saved. You must look to Him as your Saviour. Trust in Him, and you will be given eternal life!

¹ Gen. 3; ² Rom. 5:10-19; ³ John 3:14-15; ⁴ 2 Cor. 5:21