

God Forgives Us



CHAPTER 14 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 14**.

God sent deadly serpents among the Israelites because they complained about both God and Moses. Moses interceded with God, who forgave them and told Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole so the faithful could look on it and be healed.

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In the New Testament, the image of the bronze snake is compared to Jesus' Death and Resurrection, which healed us of sin. The bronze snake on the pole prefigures Jesus on the Cross.

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Sin is the root of all evil, but Jesus broke the power of sin by his Death. His sacrifice reconciled all sinners with God and brought us eternal life. We show faith in Jesus' sacrifice when we try to live by his new commandment.

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A mortal sin is one that is seriously wrong. To commit mortal sin, you must know that it is seriously wrong and freely and willingly choose to do it anyway.

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A venial sin is a lesser sin. You should confess venial sins because the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help you overcome them.

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We reconcile ourselves with God at Mass every week through the Eucharist.

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We receive help to overcome temptation when we confess our sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

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A virtue is a disposition of the human soul, developed by grace and practice, to do good.

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We gain understanding of our strengths and weaknesses when we regularly do an examination of conscience.

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