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We consider the nonlinear Schrödinger equations  $i\partial_t\psi = H_0\psi + \lambda|\psi|^2\psi$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  where  $H_0 = -\Delta + V$  and  $\lambda$  is an order one constant which can be positive or negative. Assume that the potential  $V$  is radial and decays sufficiently fast at infinity. Assume also that the linear Hamiltonian  $H_0$  has only two discrete eigenvalues  $e_0 < e_1 < 0$  where  $e_0$  is simple and  $e_1$  has multiplicity three. We show that there exist two classes of nonlinear excited states of the equation and for certain finite codimension subset in the space of initial data, we construct solutions  $\psi$  converging to these excited states in both non-resonant and resonant cases. (Received March 03, 2009)