

Butterflies

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes, struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go throughout our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. We could never fly!

Common Phrases Originated From the Bible

1. Spare the rod and spoil the child. - *Proverbs 13:24*
2. A little bird told me. - *Ecclesiastes 10:20*
3. He escaped by the skin of his teeth. - *Job 19:20*
4. A gold ring in a pig's nose. - *Proverbs 11:22*
5. My hair stood on end. - *Job 4:14-15*
6. A dog returns to its vomit. - *Proverbs 26:11*
7. Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. - *Hosea 8:7*
8. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning. - *Matthew 16:3*
9. Being at your wits end. - *Psalms 107:27*
10. The blind leading the blind. - *Matthew 15:14*
11. Eat, drink, and be merry. - *Ecclesiastes 8:1*

TRICKY TRIVIA

This Month's Question

In John 5:43, Jesus said: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." To whom was Jesus referring?

Answer to last month's question.

In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question we asked:

What man in the Bible had ten sons who were hanged on the same gallows in which he was hanged?

*Answer: Haman
Esther 9:12-14*

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Don't Worry, Robin!

The harried, hurried robin
Sat and stewed upon her nest
And she wearied as she worried,
But there was no time for rest.
She had flustered as she flurried
From the East unto the West
Just to find a few fat worms
To feed the babies in her nest.

We've just enough for now,
But what an endless task is mine;
For in just a few short hours
Will come another feeding time.

If I'm able then to muster
Just enough for them to swallow,
Before I get my breath
Again their bellies will be hollow!"

She added up the worms they'd eat
In just a day or two,
And the longer that she added
The greater her burden grew.
She despaired before she'd finished
And the year she'd calculated,
For all the earth with worms
Could not be so populated.

So she laid her head upon her wing
And then began to cry,
For she could not bear the burden
Which upon her now did lie.
Convinced that God must be

unfair,
The little robin asked,
"Lord, why give a little robin
Such a monumental task?"

"A task too great?" the Lord inquired,
"Why all you have to do
Is get the worms your brood needs now
And that is just a few.
I did not say to do the work
Of all the year ahead
Your job is just to do today
What I, the Lord, have said."

The robin paused and pondered,
And then she did recall
That the Father said He feeds the birds
Although they may be small.
So no matter how she fretted
All her worry was in vain,
For He promised that He'd feed them,
And His promise there is plain.

Herself she reprimanded,
"What wasted tears were mine,
While I struggled to supply myself
What was promised all the time!
Why fret and fume and fluster
Over every daily need?
For God told us just to seek Him first,
And the robins He would feed."

"I can't bear the future's burdens
And its tasks I cannot face.
For Tomorrow is too great a strain
On Today's sufficient grace.
But when tomorrow becomes Today,
And the future becomes the present,
I'll find His grace is again enough
To make my task seem pleasant."

"Today is all I need to see,
I won't worry for Tomorrows.
Today has enough of heartaches
Without borrowing future sorrows."
Then the robin sighed in great relief
And found that she could rest
While leaving tomorrow in God's hand,
And just doing today her best.

So then finally she rested
After worrying so long,
And as her peace returned
She found her long-forgotten song.
She again could sing
And bring to hearts of note of cheer
When she let her Father handle
The rest of all the year.

-Cathy Corle



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