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TRANSITIONING

If we were to look at a butterfly, we would see its colorful wings and watch in awe as it soars through the air, but it wasn't always like that. It started out as a worm. It fed on leaves and grew and to most it looked ugly. It then grew a cocoon around itself and stayed in that cocoon for a while. After a season, it finally came forth looking different than it had originally been. Once it was a worm, but now it is a beautiful butterfly. You will notice that it doesn't even have the same name.

We could say that that worm transitioned in stages. It fed itself to bring it to being in a cocoon. While in that cocoon it transitioned from one stage of life to another. It had to go into the cocoon to do this. No one could help it. If they did, it would die before it was mature. It had to be in the darkness of that cocoon. Then and only then did transformation occur.

We are much like that butterfly, my friends. In Psalms 22 we can see what value a worm is. It says in verse 6, ***"But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people."*** Verses 7-9 gives us more insight. It says, ***"All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. 9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope..."***

Those verses are prophetically speaking of Jesus. They looked upon him with no value. They laughed at his suffering on the cross. Yet, he transitioned from that place to become the resurrected, all glorious King of King and Lord of Lords!

We also transition when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior. We see another promise in Isaiah 41:14 where once again we see the worm. ***"Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel."***

You see, my friends, Jesus went through the suffering for us. He is in our "cocoon" of life where it is the darkest, bringing change in us until we come forth different than we could ever imagine. Now, we are given our "spiritual wings" to fly with him. We identify with him because we are like him.

He is the only one that can bring this change. Yet, like the butterfly, we must allow him to bring the change and only emerge when our wings are strong enough to support us. Don't despise the days of transitioning because they are making you into something beautiful.