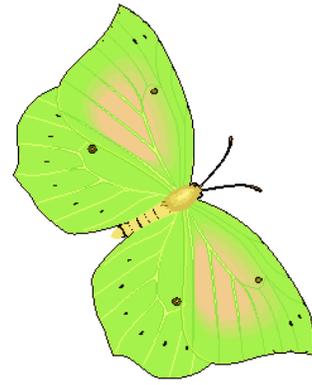


# Butterfly Secrets

Have you ever seen a butterfly clinging to a surface?



The other day there was a large moth that seemed stuck on my screen door. It stayed all day, very quietly, hardly moving its big, pretty wings. It was there when I went to bed that night, and still there when I awoke the next morning. It stayed all day, then calmly took off.



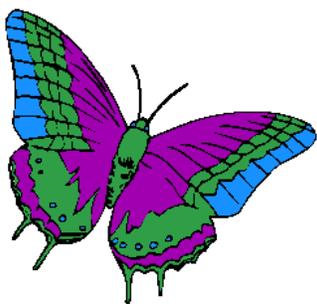
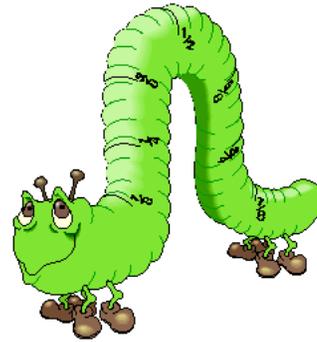
I wondered why it would cling to the exact same spot on that screen door for so long. Maybe it just needed a good rest. Maybe it was thinking. I don't know, but I thought that for a moth without much more than a few days to live, it sure wasn't in any hurry to enjoy life.

I discovered that moths and butterflies sit very still for hours after they emerge from their cocoons. When they first come out, their wings are very wet and delicate.

So they look for a leaf or a stick (or maybe a screen door) that they can just cling to for a while so their wings can dry out. During that time, they get much stronger.

Only after those wings are perfectly ready do they fly away and live the life that God has given them.

If they try to fly before their wings are ready, they can get badly hurt.



If you're a new child of God, you are a new creation....like a beautiful, new butterfly. But God wants you to cling to Him so that He can strengthen and teach you.

We have to wait on God to shape our "wings" so we can soar for Him.

How do we cling to God? Find a nice quiet corner where you can read God's Word (the Bible), pray, and listen to His voice which speaks to your heart. Get to know God, and He will strengthen you... just like a magnificent butterfly.



*"We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield."  
— Psalm 33:20*