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OFFER





Surrender

Although some studies have indicated that a butterfly may retain some of its learned behaviour during its time being a caterpillar, it becomes something completely different.

It gives up its eyes. While a caterpillar can only see in black and white, a butterfly can see even more colours than humans.

It gives up a mouth for eating leaves for a long proboscis. A caterpillar's primary function is to eat plants. A butterfly's primary function is to lay eggs and when feeding it pollinates plants.

It gives up its short legs for much longer legs that can taste for sugars or whether a plant is suitable to lay her eggs on.

And, of course, a butterfly gives up hold on the ground for wings allowing it much more freedom!

It's worth contemplating what is given up and what is gained in a spiritual life to see it in a new light.

August

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Send a note to someone (special anniversaries, someone I am praying for, someone I am thinking of):

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Wednesday Hebrews 13:15-16

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Thursday 2 Kings 17:36-37

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Friday Psalm 66:13-15

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Saturday Psalm 27:5-6

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Take my life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

What does it mean to offer?

- Look up the word for offer in a Hebrew/Greek lexicon and in an English dictionary.
- The purpose of sacrifice was to restore a right relationship. How does this happen today?
- What are the consequences of not being willing to offer?
- Keep a list of what you discover about “offering” as you write out the verses.
- How does the concept of sacrifice change us?
- What can I do to be more intentional about offering.
- What is God’s response to sacrifice? (1 John 1:9)

“The fact is that we can only give God our hearts. We can exercise our volition just in so far as He has made us free and endeavour to serve Him by responding to that invitation which is given to whosoever will. All faithful work performed as in His sight is simply an index of this gift of our hearts. No human achievement can be so great as to be of any benefit to Him, yet no faithful work can be so insignificant as to be overlooked. Wherefore let us remember our task in life is here, ready to our hands every day, and we can find preparation in all things.” —Islip Collyer (Conviction and Conduct)

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Sunday Matthew 9:13

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Monday Exodus 19:5-6

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Tuesday Psalm 69:30-31

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Wednesday Matthew 23:23

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Thursday Psalm 50:4-6

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Friday Leviticus 22:29-30

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Saturday Deuteronomy 27:6-7

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Get to know a butterfly

The Mourning Cloak

Family: *Nymphalidae*

Sub-Family: *Nymphalinae*

Latin name: *Nymphalis antiopa*



This butterfly hibernates during the winter, coming out in the spring to feed on tree sap from the stumps of newly cut trees, or twigs where squirrels have been nibbling, and nectar from the mayflower or arbutus. They lay 30-50 eggs on the twig or leaves of willow, aspen, cottonwood, paper birch, or hackberry trees. These hatch into little dark hairy caterpillars with red spots around June or July. They build a web and feed together on the leaves of the tree they hatched on. The chrysalis is brown and leaflike with thorny bumps. The butterfly that emerges will often estivate during the hot weather of summer.

In the early autumn, they love basking in the sunshine along the borders of woods or open glades. and feeding on the juice from fallen fruit like apples. They find places to hibernate during the cold weather beneath loose bark of dead trees, in wood piles or crevices in rock, or under culverts or bridges.

Excerpt from *The Life of Jesus* by Melva Purkis

“The first stage in discipline is poverty of spirit: a deliberate renunciation of many things which the flesh finds attractive. Immediately the way of Jesus struck away from the way of men. He taught that self-sacrifice, not self-culture is the true vocation of those who would follow him. The disciples were shown at the outset that they had to make a choice even more important than the decision to leave all and follow him. It was impossible for them to travel upon two roads leading in opposite directions. Jesus showed them they could not begin to accept the gifts of God until they were prepared to give up the prizes the world had to offer. The spirit that fights for its rights, that demands adequate rewards for natural endowments, may indicate worldly wisdom, but that wisdom is foolishness with God. He also showed them that the end of poverty of spirit is not poverty; it is riches. They would commence a journey which leads them high above their thoughts and ways of men to the mind of the Creator. ‘Theirs is the kingdom of heaven’. When the work of their Master rises to its consummation at his return to the earth it will be those who have willingly broken their lives and renounced their spirit to serve him who will be the children of the Kingdom. In that day those who have sacrificed the dubious pleasure of a godless world, manifesting a longing, never-satisfied desire to enjoy the fellowship and accept the responsibilities that Jesus offers, will receive the unspeakable gift of immortality and will shine like stars in the Kingdom of his Father.”

How did Jesus demonstrate the sacrifices that God is pleased with? How can we imitate this?

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Sunday 1 Peter 2:4-5

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Monday Malachi 1:7-8

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Tuesday Psalm 4:4-5

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Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Population (millions)	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
GDP (trillion USD)	45.0	48.0	51.0	54.0	57.0	60.0	63.0	66.0	69.0	72.0	75.0	78.0	81.0	84.0	87.0	90.0	93.0	96.0	99.0	102.0	105.0
Life expectancy (years)	74.0	74.5	75.0	75.5	76.0	76.5	77.0	77.5	78.0	78.5	79.0	79.5	80.0	80.5	81.0	81.5	82.0	82.5	83.0	83.5	84.0
Urban population (%)	55.0	56.0	57.0	58.0	59.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	63.0	64.0	65.0	66.0	67.0	68.0	69.0	70.0	71.0	72.0	73.0	74.0	75.0
Renewable energy (%)	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	27.0	28.0	29.0	30.0
CO2 emissions (Gt)	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	27.0	28.0	29.0	30.0	31.0	32.0	33.0	34.0	35.0
Forest cover (%)	22.0	22.5	23.0	23.5	24.0	24.5	25.0	25.5	26.0	26.5	27.0	27.5	28.0	28.5	29.0	29.5	30.0	30.5	31.0	31.5	32.0
Healthcare expenditure (%)	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.5	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.5	14.0	14.5	15.0
Internet usage (%)	15.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	35.0	40.0	45.0	50.0	55.0	60.0	65.0	70.0	75.0	80.0	85.0	90.0	95.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Gender inequality index	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.47	0.46	0.45
Urbanization rate (%)	55.0	56.0	57.0	58.0	59.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	63.0	64.0	65.0	66.0	67.0	68.0	69.0	70.0	71.0	72.0	73.0	74.0	75.0
Renewable energy investment (Bn USD)	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	34.0	36.0	38.0	40.0	42.0	44.0	46.0	48.0	50.0
CO2 emissions per capita (t)	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0
Forest cover loss (ha)	1000000	1100000	1200000	1300000	1400000	1500000	1600000	1700000	1800000	1900000	2000000	2100000	2200000	2300000	2400000	2500000	2600000	2700000	2800000	2900000	3000000
Healthcare expenditure (Bn USD)	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	34.0	36.0	38.0	40.0	42.0	44.0	46.0	48.0	50.0
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Wednesday Hebrews 10:8-10

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Thursday 2 Chronicles 29:31

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Friday Ephesians 5:1-2

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Saturday Romans 12:1

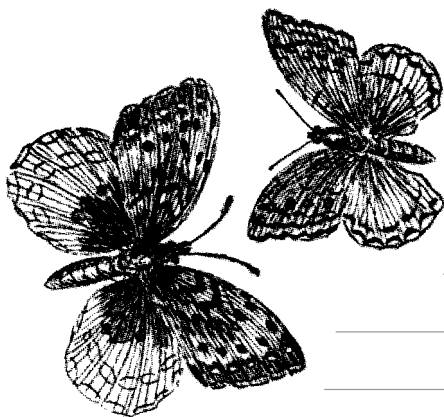
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Psalm 65

- (1) To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
- (2) O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
- (3) Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
- (4) Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- (5) By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:
- (6) Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:
- (7) Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- (8) They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- (9) Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
- (10) Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.
- (11) Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
- (12) They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- (13) The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

pray a psalm



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Sunday Philippians 2:17-18

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Monday Romans 6:18-19

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Tuesday 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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Wednesday Exodus 22:20

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Thursday Leviticus 19:4-5

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Friday Deuteronomy 17:1

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Saturday Philippians 4:18-19

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thoughts/notes

