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## **Change is Beautiful From Caterpillar to Butterfly**

*1 Chronicles 16:29 (Amplified Bible) "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Worship the Lord in holy array (NKJV says "in the beauty of holiness")."*

Those who know me know I am fascinated with butterflies. Later in life I learned that was the meaning of my name so I decided that may have had an unconscious influence on my interest. These flying creatures come in various colors and sizes and dwell in different places in our world. Many admire their beauty and how they are arrayed with mixtures of colors. As with much of God's creative handiwork there are no duplicates in their patterns even if they are of the same species.

It's not news to you that these beauties do not start off their existence with very much eye appeal. The most common appearance of the butterfly is as a caterpillar. A caterpillar does not appeal to people as it makes one think of a worm. One would never believe it would become a thing of great beauty. In its season the caterpillar dwells within a cocoon called the chrysalis formation and its metamorphosis begins. I see our spiritual growth in much the same way as the caterpillar becomes the butterfly. When we first come to the Lord we look a lot like the caterpillar, very unappealing because we are still dressed in unrighteousness. When we accept Jesus into our life we enter the chrysalis formation stage. We are being changed.

While in our change formation we should give God the glory for the work He is doing. We should gladly bring our time, talent, treasure and touch (our offerings) when we come before Him as a form of celebrating the change taking place in us. We can worship the Lord while we are being changed into His image and rejoice because we see that we are being made beautiful in His holiness. We should anticipate His eminent coming as then we shed this natural body and wear our new body that is eternal. This ultimate change leads to our most beautiful appearance as we forever dwell in the presence of His Majesty. When He appears we shall be like Him and behold His Glory! That change is BEAUTIFUL!

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