



Ye must be
born again



There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with Him.



Jesus answered and said unto
him, Verily, verily, I say unto
thee, Except a man be born
again, he cannot see the
kingdom of God.



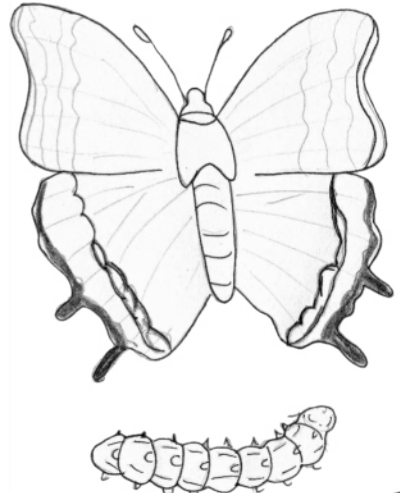
Nicodemus saith unto him, How
can a man be born when he is
old? can he enter the second
time into his mother's
womb, and be born?






Jesus answered, Verily,
verily, I say unto thee,
Except a man be born of
water and of the Spirit, he
cannot enter into the kingdom of
God.

That which is born of the flesh is
flesh; and that which is born of the
Spirit is spirit. Marvel
not that I said unto thee,
Ye must be born again.



Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.





And as Moses lifted up the serpent
in the wilderness, even so
must the Son of man be
lifted up: That whosoever
believeth in Him should not
perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that
He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life.



For God sent not His Son into
the world to condemn the
world; but that the
world through Him
might be saved.

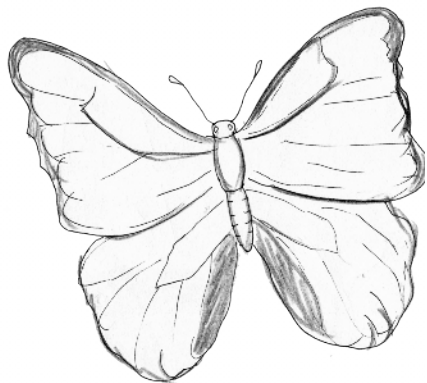


He that believeth on Him is not
condemned: but he that believeth
not is condemned already,
because he hath not believed
in the Name of the only
begotten Son of God.



And this is the condemnation,
that light is come into the world,
and men loved darkness
rather than light, because
their deeds were evil.

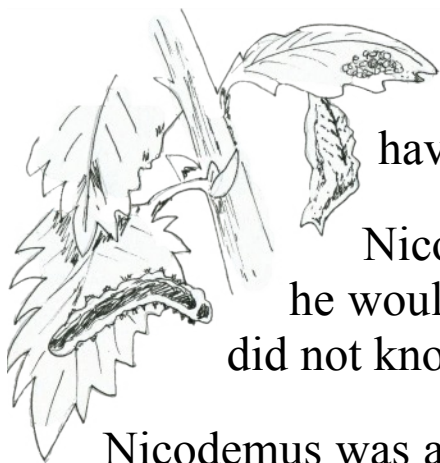




For every one that
doeth evil hateth the
light, neither cometh
to the light, lest his deeds
should be reprov'd.

But he that doeth truth
cometh to the light, that his
deeds may be made manifest,
that they are wrought
in God.





Dear children, now you have read the story of Nicodemus as we find it in the Bible. And what have you learned?

Nicodemus was a religious man. In fact as a Pharisee, he would have taught others the Word of God, and yet he did not know how to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Nicodemus was a frightened man. He did not want others to know that he was going to speak to the Lord Jesus. That is probably why he came to speak to the Lord Jesus at night.

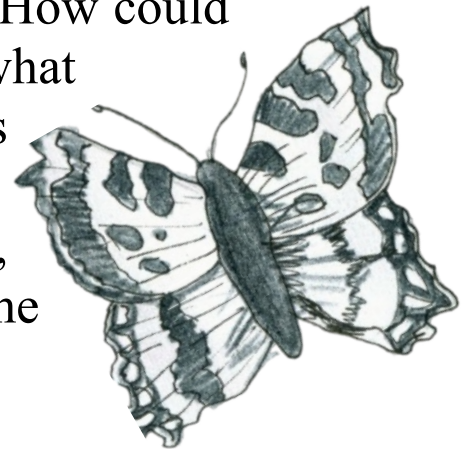
But Nicodemus was also a wise man. He knew that the Lord Jesus was not an ordinary man - He had come from God, He is the Son of God. And so, he came to hear what the Lord would say to him, at night, when all was quiet and nobody would disturb.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

What did the Lord Jesus mean when He said this? What does the phrase ‘born-again’ mean?

Well, we all know what it means to be born - After the Lord wonderfully formed your body inside your mother’s womb, there came a day when you were born into this world - your birth-day. You were now alive.

The Lord Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again. At first he was confused. He was a grown-up. How could he go back to being a baby? But this is not what the Lord meant. He was showing Nicodemus that the change that happens in our lives, our hearts and our souls, is so radical, so huge, that a whole new life begins, when we become part of God’s Kingdom.



We must first consider what the Bible says we are like - because of our sin we are dead spiritually (look up Psalm 51:4-5, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:5) We are deaf to God's Word. We are unable to do anything to please God. We are dead! And if something doesn't happen, when we die physically, we will go on to suffer an eternal, never-ending, death in hell, separated from God and all that is good.

The Lord Jesus came to give us life, spiritually and eternally (Look up John 10:10, and re-read John 3 that you have coloured - how many times does it mention life?) He died on the Cross so that all those who truly believe on Him may have a new life in Him. This new life begins, when we are born again of God's Spirit.

These are very important things for us to consider, dear children, they are matters of life and death, heaven and hell, light and darkness...

Pray that the Lord will help you to understand His Word as you read it and that you will truly believe on Him and be born again into His Kingdom.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. `

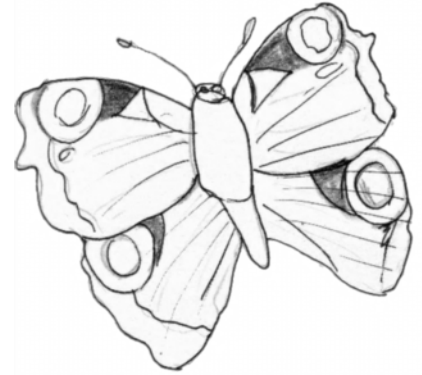
What the Lord Jesus said to Nicodemus, He also says to
you -

Ye must be born again!

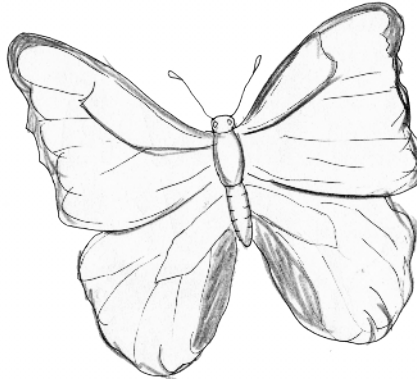
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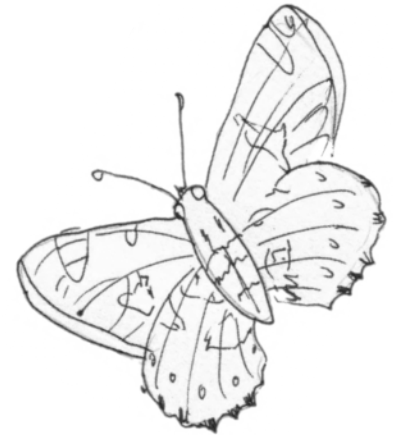
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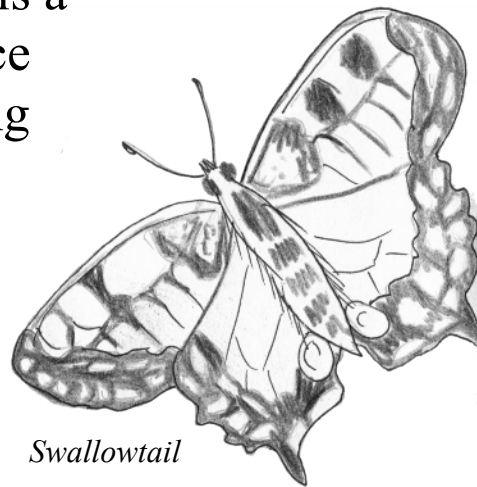
Monarch





Two-tailed Pasha

When we are born again of God's Spirit, we become a new person. We have a new heart, new desires and a new destination. It is a bit like the difference between the crawling caterpillar and the beautiful butterfly.



Swallowtail

The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he
is a new creature: old things are
passed away; behold, all things are
become new.



Teach me Thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path. (Psalm 27:11)



Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. (Ps 119:33)
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