

“A Changed Face and A Set of Wings”

John 17:1,5; Matthew 17:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18

INTRODUCTION:

*The little boy on the airplane with a shining face
& a set of pilot’s wings . . .*

I. PEOPLE ON AN AIRPLANE & PEOPLE IN A CHURCH PEW HAVE A LOT IN COMMON

- A. Some are – smiling, cranky, sleepy
- B. Most are just content to have
“a nice flight” – or – “a nice worship service”
- C. A few seek more and come with eagerness . . .
like the boy wanting to see the pilot
- D. These few leave with *changed faces*

II. JESUS’ FACE WAS CHANGED AS HE CAME INTO THE PRESENCE OF HIS HEAVENLY FATHER

- A. See Matthew 17:1-2 (the mount of transfiguration)
- B. See John 17:1-5 (the garden of Gethsemane)
- C. On Sundays do you just *wake up & show up?*
- D. Would you be so careless if you had Sunday morning breakfast
with the Prime Minister?



III. BEING IN GOD’S PRESENCE IN WORSHIP CHANGES OUR FACES

- A. The connection between our face & worship is no coincidence
- B. St. Paul tells us God changes our faces to reflect His glory
(2 Corinthians 3:18)
- C. In worship, the Holy Spirit directs us to the face of Jesus &
we are changed
- D. Moses’ face was changed when God met him on Mt. Sinai
(Exodus 34)
- E. Stephen’s face was changed when Jesus met him even as he was
being stoned to death (Acts 6 & 7)
- F. Not only does God change the faces of those who worship; He
changes the faces of those who watch us worship
 - 1. So says St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 14:25
 - 2. So says King David in Psalm 40:3
- G. The way we worship affects the way The Faith is passed down to
the next generation (our children are watching us!)

CONCLUSION: *The boy on the airplane teaches us a LOT about
worship as well as **changed faces & a set of wings***