

Smell Taste Hear

Spirit	Soul	Body
New Birth	Mind	See
Communicates with God	Emotions	Smell
Power of God comes through our Spirit	Conscience	Taste
	Personality	Hear
	Will	Feel

Our ability to smell, taste, and hear are essential to our interaction with the world around us. As with our eyes last lesson, we learned that our senses help us navigate our physical environment. We have two eyes, two ears, and two nostrils to help us discern what we see, hear, and smell. We have only one mouth because we only need one to eat. The other reason we only have one mouth is because we are to speak only the truth.

Jeremiah 5:21-23

- 21 Hear this, you foolish and senseless people,
 who have eyes but do not see,
 who have ears but do not hear:
- 22 Should you not fear me?" declares the Lord.
 "Should you not tremble in my presence?
 I made the sand a boundary for the sea,
 an everlasting barrier it cannot cross.
 The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail;
 they may roar, but they cannot cross it.
- 23 But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts;
 they have turned aside and gone away.

The bible talks about hearing the word of God because that was the way the people were taught. It was not until recent history that the Bible was printed and distributed to the masses in their own language to read for themselves.

The eyes and ears are the avenues that the word of God can enter our soul. We can either accept it or reject it, that is our choice. Sharing our testimony and preaching are the main avenues of reaching the lost even today as many will not read the bible until after they are born again.

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John8:43-47

43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.
44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Jesus is talking to the Jews who rejected him. Once you turn away from God and his word, you give yourself over to the devil and his lies. You block out God's word from your life and can no longer hear him.

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

This is the current problem, we pick and choose the church we go to until we hear what we want to hear. We don't want to take correction from the word and allow the Holy Spirit to change us.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? 17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

As we use our mouth to speak the truth to those around us, God uses us to advance his kingdom.

We must choose to evaluate what we see and hear against the truth in God's word as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. After a while, this will be automatic. We can feel in our spirit if it is the truth or a lie.