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PART 4: HEARING, SMELL & TOUCH

HOW WE WERE CREATED

As we have previously covered in this series of sermons, when God created man, He did not intend for man to be an emotionless machine. God built in a system that made it possible for human beings to experience joy, excitement and satisfaction over accomplishments and the capacity to feel grief, sorrow and hopelessness.

Furthermore, God designed man to be able to think and reason things out, to have understanding, to know time, to be able to recall things from the past, and the ability to perform and create things. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-14**

It is important to understand that God did not create man to be destructive, to fight other men, or to hurt women, children and animals. Man was created in the image of God, to do good, be creative, to love and be able to receive love. **Genesis 1:26-31**

Adam and Eve were good before they sinned, and as a result, the human race became corrupted with sin and became evil. **Romans 3:9-19**

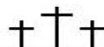
THE CORRUPTION OF THE SOUL

I want to emphasize again that it is not the physical body of a human being that experiences all these emotions, rather it is the soul of man, using the sensors of the body to receive and give out an emotional response. Thus, an unsaved person will crave and respond to sinful acts which give the soul a perverted satisfaction. **Genesis 6:5-6; Deuteronomy 12:28-32, 18:9-13**

HEARING, SMELL AND TOUCH

The Devil will always use a combination of these senses to seduce and trap a human being, just like a spider uses his web to trap an insect, inject it with a powerful poison and devour it. Look at how the following emotions that arise in us as different senses are activated:

- When you pass a bakery and smell the aroma of freshly baked bread, it invokes good memories of eating fresh bread, and just the scent from the bakery will make you long for it.
- In much the same way, when your neighbor is using his BBQ and you smell the aroma, it brings forth memories of eating BBQ food and creates a desire to have it again.



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- ❑ When an alcoholic sees somebody partaking in a drink, smell a drink, or sees an advertisement, it brings back strong memories.
- ❑ When a smoker sees or smells a cigarette, there is a desire to hold it in between their fingers and inhale deeply.
- ❑ The smell of fresh coffee will invoke a memory and the desire to hold a cup in your hand as you sip it.
- ❑ The smell of a woman wearing a particular perfume may invoke a memory from the past and lead to a desire to touch her.
- ❑ Hearing music will invoke feelings to either dance or worship God depending upon if it is ungodly music or music that gives glory to God. Remember, music will attract either the Holy Spirit or evil spirits!
- ❑ Jesus faced hunger, the possibility of avoiding grief and sorrow, and having a painless redemption. **Matthew 4:1-11**

NAKEDNESS, EATING, DRINKING AND DANCING

When people in Egypt wanted entertainment, it was most of the time in conjunction with worship of pagan gods. There would be sex, drinking, eating and dancing as men and women defiled themselves. This is how the Devil snared Aaron and the children of Israel. **Exodus 32:1-7, 17-19, 25**

SAMSON AND DELILAH

This is a sad story how a man of God was destroyed because of his uncontrollable sexual appetite. **Judges 16:1-21**

KING DAVID AND BATHSHEBA

This is a tragic story of how a man of God lusted after a beautiful woman and brought permanent damage to the nation of Israel. **2 Samuel 11:1-5, 12:7-16**

WHAT WE ARE FACING TODAY

A man doesn't need to go to a whorehouse in order to be tempted today, all he has to do is to turn on a television set or watch pornography on the Internet from the comfort of his own home. Temptation and greed will meet us in the store when we go shopping, when men and women dress in such a way that there is little left to the imagination. There will always be seducing elements all around us. You and I cannot avoid seeing what Satan has to offer us, so how can we guard our senses from giving in to sin?

1. Accept Jesus Christ and be born again. **John 3:3-8**
2. Be baptized in the Holy Spirit. **John 7:37-39**
3. Keep filth out of your life. **Ephesians 4:22-32, 5:1-18**

It all boils down to one thing, are you going to be obedient to God or not? The choice is yours! John 14:15