

THE SENSE OF HEAVEN

INTRODUCTION

A. 1st Corinthians 15:44, 50

We won't bring these bodies with us to heaven.

B. Luke 24:39

Spirits do not possess flesh and bones. Yet, in some way, our present senses will transcend the Resurrection.

I. THE SENSE OF SMELL

A. Ephesians 5:2

Like the burnt offerings of ancient times, Christ's sacrifice of Himself wafted a sweet aroma to God. Perhaps we will know that scent when we arrive in heaven.

B. Philippians 4:18

Another scent that pleases the Almighty is that of churches contributing to the livelihoods of active preachers. It might be that we will be acquainted with that smell when we enter heaven.

C. 2nd Corinthians 2:14-17

When we share the gospel, we diffuse the fragrance of Christ.

D. Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4

God in heaven receives the prayers of saints as incense. Maybe we will appreciate that fine odor someday, too.

II. THE SENSE OF SIGHT

A. Matthew 5:8

Jesus promised that the pure in heart would see God.

B. John 17:24

Christ's glory will be visible.

C. **1st John 3:2**

Our spiritual eyes will behold Christ in His true form.

D. **Revelation 22:4**

The visage of the Lord will be on full display.

III. **THE SENSE OF SOUND**

A. **Revelation 5:11-14**

A hundred million angels will loudly proclaim Christ's praises!

B. **Revelation 7:9-12**

The saved will throng with the angels, lauding our Savior.

C. **Revelation 14:1-3**

The sound of heaven will be the combination of Niagara Falls and thunderclaps and a symphony of harps altogether singing.

D. **Revelation 19:6**

Heaven won't be quiet! It will be filled with songs of loudest praise!

IV. **THE SENSE OF TOUCH**

A. **Matthew 11:28-30**

For those who work hard, Jesus promised rest to the soul. I always sleep best after a day of manual labor when I have really worn myself out.

B. **Hebrews 4:9-10**

Our hope is for rest. Sometimes, as we age, we find even rest is not so restful. If we sleep "wrong" we may be uncomfortable the day afterward. Heaven won't be like that.

C. **Revelation 14:13**

The blessing of death for those in the Lord is rest. So, what will heaven **feel** like? I imagine it will feel like the cool side of the pillow. It will feel like my favorite leather recliner. For someone else, it might a perfect quilt. For another, it could be a hammock on a warm Spring day.

D. Revelation 7:9; Ephesians 6:11

In heaven, we will wear white robes, having shed our armor, for the devil will be once and for all defeated.

V. THE SENSE OF TASTE

A. 1st Peter 2:2-3

Already, Christians can “taste” the Lord’s graciousness. How much more so when we arrive in heaven?

B. Hebrews 6:4-6

If, in tasting the good word of God, we have a foretaste of the heavenly gift, then we can certainly expect satisfaction in all the flavor of the hereafter.

C. Matthew 5:6

Heaven holds the promise of fulfillment.

D. Revelation 7:16

We will be full there. God knows what the sweetness of honey is (**Proverbs 24:13**), and He knows the flavor of salt (**Luke 14:34**), and the tastefulness of savory (**Genesis 27:4**). He will see to it that we are content.