

the tongue is the sense of taste received, and then presented to the judgment to judge thereon; thirdly and principally, the tongue is ordained for the pronounciation of speech.

SPEECH.

Speech is an excellent present from God and very necessary, given only unto man; it is the interpreter of inward thoughts, the heart's messenger, the gate through which passeth the meanings and views of man which otherwise could not be known to others, by this as it were the mind of man becomes visible; "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." By it we are enabled to explain and persuade; by it man hath a power that stirreth up, animateth, exasperateth, appeaseth, maketh sad and merry. It imprinteth whatever passion it handleth, feedeth the mind of the hearer, it maketh him blush, wax pale, laugh, cry, tremble, mad with rage, or leap with joy, &c.; it is the agent of all our concerns, by it we traffic and manage our affairs, and it is the band of human society. The tongue is said by the Scriptures to be an unruly thing, and that no man can tame it, what scandal, what untruthfull accusation, what abusive threats, and strife causing language, are the fruits of a lying tongue and deceitful heart; yet, on the other side, what enjoyment is found in conversation with those whom acquaintanceship and affection binds together. Thus the tongue may be used for good or harm, for right or wrong, for truth or falsehood, &c.; but we should remember that the power of conversation is given to us from God, distinguishing us from the common beast, and therefore we should use it rightly.

FRUITS AND THEIR MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

APPLES are a fruit which every one, more or less, greatly enjoys; they are held high in the estimation of all those who study health and physic; they appear to be the last fruit coming to us each year, and of all fruits, they appear to keep the longest. Very cooling drinks are made from apples, and serviceable to sick persons troubled with complaints proceeding from heat.