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Perception and sensation are different mostly because sensation is more physical. It arises only because the body receives a stimulus, and the body reacts to it, converting the stimulus into one of the things that one of the sensory organs of the body can identify. Unlike perception which is absolutely psychological. Perceptions are individual thoughts of individual people. Also, sensation is the process of hearing, smelling, feeling, seeing and tasting as a result of external stimulation received by the five sensory organs of the body; ears, nose, eyes, tongue and skin. Perception on the other hand is the mental image of something or somebody made due to the different actions exhibited by the environment around us. In addition, the signals which are received through our sensory organs from the environment around us are called sensations. In essence, sensations are what our sense organs receive and transmit to the brain. On the other hand perception is almost like a sixth sense. It is what we perceive or form an opinion on of anything and everything happening around us.

We could also look at them in this sense; perception is what a person thinks about his or her environment e.g. in the Acts 27:10 Paul perceived that the voyage will be with hurt and much damage. His perception was probably based on the environment or whether at sea. Perception is more of psychological concept than anything physical like sensations. Two different people can have different perceptions about the same thing. Perception is what a person wants to believe, their personal opinion. People of different religions or different background have differences of opinion only because they perceive everything differently. Wise people try to understand the perception of others whereas unwise people believe

that what they perceive about a situation or about a person is the only correct perception.