

A LANGUAGE WORTH LEARNING



Taste and see that the Lord is good.

PSALM 34:8

It might surprise you to learn that there are roughly 6,500 spoken languages in the world.¹ The 10 most-spoken languages in the world are: English (with more than 1.1 billion speakers), Mandarin, Hindi, Spanish, French, Arabic, Bengali, Russian, Portuguese, and the tenth is Indonesian (with 200 million speakers). Then there is the language of Busuu, which is spoken by only eight people in a remote village in Cameroon, Africa!

How many languages do you speak? Did you know that you actually use some common words that come from other languages? The English word *lemon* comes from an Arabic term for "citrus," *mosquito* is Spanish for "little fly," and *prairie* is a French word for "meadow." The topic of languages is very interesting.

Another fascinating language is Bee-ese. Have you heard of that one? This is the language spoken by bees. Yes, bees talk to

each other! That's how they tell each other where to find nectar. The language of bees is actually a dance. If the source of food is nearby, a bee will do what's called a "round dance." Although the round dance doesn't give directions, the bees know a source of food is close by.

The bee that scouts out the source of food brings samples of nectar back to the hive to share with the other bees. The scout shares a little nectar with the bees in one section of the hive, does a little dance to show the direction of the source, then moves to another section of the hive and repeats the same treat and dance.

This reminds me of Psalm 34:8, where it says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good," and of Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20, where He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

When we have tasted of God's love, patience, kindness, and goodness, we are able to share that with those around us so they can find the source of all happiness—God.

Give "Bee-ese" a try, and lead others to Jesus. 🐝

¹ <https://blog.busuu.com/most-spoken-languages-in-the-world/>



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