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"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Fish and Bicycles



There is a well-known feminist saying that says, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle". Recently, I read that Gloria Steinem attributed this quote to Irina Dunn. Gloria said that Irina wrote it on the wall in a bathroom stall when she was twenty-two years old. I had heard the saying before but had no idea how or where it originated.

The account of the origin of this saying started me thinking. When this young woman wrote this on the wall, she was probably sitting on a toilet that was designed, built, and installed by a man. If that toilet were to start leaking or get plugged, she would probably call a man to fix the problem. The water for that toilet probably came from a water treatment plant that was primarily built, run, and maintained by men. The stall she was in was probably designed, built, and installed by men. The wall she wrote on was probably built by a man or crew of men as was the building that this wall was part of. The light in that

room was probably installed by a man. The bulb in that light was invented by a man named Thomas Edison. The electricity that ran the light bulb was discovered and produced by men. The wiring for the light was probably installed by men. We have not even mentioned the climate control system for this building either. This list could surely go on and on, but you get the idea.

It is easy to sit atop a porcelain throne and think that you have no need for anyone or anything. But the reality is that we all take for granted most everything we use daily. All those things are designed, built, and maintained by other people. The truth is that we all depend on all sorts of things that are provided by others. It is downright ungrateful to ignore that fact.

But when it comes to the "battle of the sexes", God and nature are both clear. Men need women, and women need men. Neither can exist for long without the other. Every man has a mother, and every woman has a father.

"11 Nevertheless, **neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man**, in the Lord. 12 For **as woman came from man, even so man also**

comes through woman; but all things are from God." **I Corinthians 11:11-12 (NKJV)**

We ought to stop attacking each other and putting one another down. Instead, we ought to appreciate one another especially for our differences. Beyond that, we ought to remember the last part of the passage above, "**all things are from God**". None of us exist apart from Him. We ought to glorify Him as God and be thankful for all that He has provided us.

If it is true that, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle", then I guess that fish must need bicycles. Certainly, mankind without womankind or womankind without mankind are just fish out of water destined for death. But even more importantly, anyone without God is a fish that will end up fried.

Don't Go Too Far!

By Dr. Shane Capps

"And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. **But I will harden his heart**, so that he will not let the people go." **Exodus 4:21 (NKJV)**

"4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But **in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath** in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God," **Romans 2:4-5 (NKJV)**

What is a hard heart?

In the historical account of Moses leading God's people out of Egypt, we find these words...

- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
- Pharaoh's heart was hardened

This phrase or idea is used over twenty-four times in this account, **Exodus 3-14**. The Hebrew word "chazaq" which is the word hardened is used fourteen times. It means "to strengthen" or "strong". The Hebrew word "kabad" which is the word hardened is used six times. It means "heavy" or "to be heavy". The Hebrew word "qahah" which is the word harden, or stubborn is used twice. It means "to be hard". All three of these words are used and the idea is the same. The word is used in a bad sense!

Someone who has a hard heart continues to strengthen, to become strong in their hardness. That type of person tries their best to continue to harden their heart. This is exactly what Pharaoh King of Egypt did in the days of Moses.

What does a hard heart look like?

Pharaoh King of Egypt was the poster boy of what a hard heart looks like. The Lord wanted His people to be set free from their slavery in Egypt. **Exodus 5:1-2** says, "And afterward Moses and

Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to me in the wilderness.'" (2) But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go.'

Before the plagues, Moses showed Pharaoh a sign—Aaron's staff became a snake. Pharaoh's wise men did the same thing with their power. The only difference is that Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. The outcome was..."Yet Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said", **Exodus 7:13**. So started the Ten Plagues on Egypt!

Plague One...The Nile River was turned into blood, **Exodus 7**.

*Outcome...*Pharaoh hardened his heart, **Exodus 7:13, 14, 22**.

Plague Two...The Frogs were everywhere and in everything, **Exodus 8:1-15**.

*Outcome...*Pharaoh hardened his heart, **Exodus 8:15**.

Plagues Three and Four...Gnats and insects were everywhere in Egypt, **Exodus 8:16-32**.

*Outcome...*Pharaoh hardened his heart, **Exodus 8:19, 32**.

Plagues Five, Six, and Seven...Cattle dying, boils, and hail, **Exodus 9:1-7, 8-17, 18-35**.

*Outcome...*Pharaoh hardened his heart, **Exodus 9:7**. Then the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, **Exodus 9:12**. After that Pharaoh's heart was hardened, **Exodus 9:12, 17, 30, 34, 35**.

Plagues Eight and Nine...Locusts ate everything green and everything went dark, **Exodus 10:1-20, 21-29**.

*Outcome...*The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart each time, **Exodus 10:1, 20, 27**.

Plague Ten...The death of the first born, **Exodus 11**.

*Outcome...*The Lord continued to harden Pharaoh's heart (**Exodus 11:10**) until the first born die then Pharaoh allowed the people to go free.

The Red Sea...**Exodus 14**

*Outcome...*Even after all of this, Pharaoh tried to go and stop the Israelites from leaving Egypt. The Lord continued to harden Pharaoh's heart, **Exodus 14:4, 8, 17**. Pharaoh and his army died in the Red Sea with the water coming on top of them.

What is the danger of a hard heart?

There are many dangers of a hard heart!!! You cannot see what God is doing right in front of you. Look at how the Ten Plagues of Egypt destroyed every area of life for the Egyptians. It destroyed their government, their economy, their religion, food/water, their farms, livestock, their armies, etc. Pharaoh would not see what God was doing right in front of him and all around him.

Also, with a hard heart you cannot *hear* what God is trying to say. Pharaoh would not *listen* to God, to Moses, or Aaron, **Exodus 5:1-2; 7:3, 13**. Shockingly, Pharaoh would not *listen* to his own wise men. **Exodus 8:19** says, "Then the wise men said to Pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God.'" But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said." This was said on plague number four!!! Also, Pharaoh would not *listen* to his own servants. **Exodus 10:7** says, "And Pharaoh's servants said to him, 'How long will this man be a

snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not realize that Egypt is destroyed?"

Also, with a hard heart you may have reached a point that you are not able to return to God. Yes, you can harden your heart, mind, and soul to the point that you WILL NOT see, WILL NOT listen, WILL NOT repent, and WILL NOT return to the Lord. Spiritually, there is a point of no return.

There is a danger of hardening your own heart. Fifteen times, we find that Pharaoh hardened his own heart. Nine times, we find that the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart. God already knew Pharaoh's heart. God already knew that Pharaoh's mind was already 100% made up. The Lord knew he would not see, would not listen, and was past the point of no return. **Exodus 3:19** says, "But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion." **Exodus 6:1** says, "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he shall let them go, and under compulsion he shall drive them out of his land.'"

So, God turned Pharaoh over to himself. The Lord knew what He was going to do from the start. **Exodus 4:21** says, "And the Lord said to Moses, 'When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.'" The Lord made an example out of Pharaoh so that the rest of the world could see and believe. **Exodus 9:16** says, "But, indeed, for this cause I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power, and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth." For this reason, a mixed

multitude (Egyptians) went with the Israelites as they left Egypt.

This idea that you can reach a point of no return is also found in the New Testament. **Romans 1** shows us this very clearly. **Romans 1** teaches that the Gentiles are sinners. **Romans 2** teaches that the Jews are sinners. **Romans 3** teaches that all people are sinners and lost without Jesus as Lord of their life. **Romans 3:23** teaches that sin separates us from the Father. Without becoming a Christian through Jesus Christ, we would all be lost.

God has shown us the evidence that we need to both believe and obey Him. He has shown us this in creation (**Romans 1:18-20**), His word, and in the lives of His people. Often, people choose to reject the Lord. **Romans 1:21** says, "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

- We see this both in our culture and sadly within Christianity today.
- The world thinks they are smarter than God, **Romans 1:22**.
- The world serves the creation and not the creator, **Romans 1:23**.
- The world would rather have lies than the truth of God, **Romans 1:25**.
- The world throws out the morals and standards of God like marriage, and they seek homosexuality, **Romans 1:27**.
- The world rejects the Spirit of God for the spirit that is in this world, **Romans 1:29-31**.

This is a great New Testament example of people willingly hardening their own hearts to the point of no return. In the end, God will, in turn, harden their hearts because He already knows they have fully rejected Him as Lord. They will not see. They will not listen. They will not return. It was their choice to make, and they made it. So, what will God do according to **Romans 1**?

Romans 1:24 says, "Therefore God gave them over to the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them."

Romans 1:26 says, "For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,"

Romans 1:28 says, "And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,"

Without Christ, their outcome is DEATH, **Romans 1:32**.

What caused Pharaoh to keep hardening his own heart? Why did the Lord already know that Pharaoh had reached the point of no return? Why did the Lord start to harden Pharaoh's heart? There were three things that hardened Pharaoh's heart to the point of no return.

First, Pharaoh was stubborn, **Exodus 7:14; 13:15**. His heart, mind, and soul were hard.

Second, Pharaoh exalted himself above God, **Exodus 9:17**. He lifted his heart, mind, and soul above the Lord. He thought he was more important than God.

Third, Pharaoh did not fear the Lord, **Exodus 9:30**. How can this be true? In the mist of all of these plagues, did he and his servants fear the

Lord? No, they did not. The same is true today. People that reject the Lord do not fear God, do not fear death, do not fear the Second Coming, and do not fear hell.

Don't go too far, you may not return, friend!!! Does this sound like you? Do you believe in the Word of God? Are you willing to obey the Lord? Do you keep putting it off for whenever?

Don't go too far, you may not return, friend!!! Does this sound like you? Are you a baptized believer/Christian? Are you in church faithfully? Do you read and study God's Word daily? Do you have a set prayer time daily? Do you live out your Christian walk? Let's go deeper!

This may be an article that you just read and forget about. Truth is, it may be too late for you anyway! Truth is, you may have hardened your heart to the point of no return. Truth is, God may be hardening your heart at this point.

I hope not friend. I hope this article pierces your heart like it did the people on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:37 says, "Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?'"

If you are not a Christian, and you care about the state of your heart, then I have good news for you.

Acts 2:38 says, "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

If you were a Christian but have fallen away, and you care about the state of your heart, then I have good news for you.

Acts 3:19 says, "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;"

What is the cure for a hard heart?

Let me give you the warning first and then the cure.

Romans 2:5 says, "But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,"

Remember, why would Pharaoh refuse to change his hardened heart? He was stubborn. Because he was stubborn, he put himself first before God. Because he was stubborn, he did not fear the Lord. Because he was stubborn, he would not repent and turn to the Lord.

The same can be said for people that want to remain stubborn and stay in their old ways. By doing this, they continue to harden their hearts to the point of no return.

What happens when you have gone too far to the point of no return?

- As we have seen, the Lord turns you over to yourself, **Romans 1**.
- They are storing up for themselves the wrath of God which will come about during the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, **Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:8**.
- They are unrighteous; therefore, the righteous Lord will give them what they have chosen, which is judgment.

That is what God did for Pharaoh, for the wise men, and the people of Egypt. That is what the Lord still does to those who will not believe or

obey Him as Lord. If you are stubborn, you have a hard heart. If you are unrepentant, you have a hard heart. The question is, have you gone too far to the point that there is no returning to the Lord?

What is the cure for a hard heart?

Romans 2:4 says, "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

Think about how good God has been to everyone! He gives everyone a place to live. He gives everyone food and water. He gives everyone clothes on their backs. He gives everyone what they need to be able to live this life. He gives everyone sunshine, rain, and good days. It is more than that! It is deeper than that! Yes friend, it is! He has given us His Son, **John 3:16**. He allowed Jesus to die on a cross, to be buried in a tomb, and to be raised up on the third day. Jesus died for everyone!!! **Romans 5:6, 8**. Salvation is for everyone who is willing to soften their heart and turn to the Lord.

- God has given to everyone out of the riches of His kindness.
- God has shown forbearance to everyone, meaning He puts up with us, giving us time to turn to Him for salvation.
- God has shown us patience hoping that we will make Him the Lord of our life.
- God has been kind to everyone, even the worst of sinners, **1 Timothy 1:15**.

What should this do for you and I? What should understanding the kindness that the Lord has shown us do for us personally? By coming

to the knowledge of knowing how good God is, it should lead us to...

- The Lord
- Repentance
- Salvation
- Hope
- Everlasting life
- A Softened Heart

Your hard heart should melt away, and you should want to turn fully to the Lord. So, what do you say? What has this article done for you?

- Do you have a soft heart that is willing now to turn fully to the Lord, **Romans 2:4**.
- Are you going to just keep doing what you are doing, which is hardening your own heart until you have gone too far!!! **Romans 2:5**.

Friend, learn from Pharaoh! In the end, he destroyed himself and everyone around him. It was his choice. It was his heart to give. It was his heart to harden. The same is true for you and me.

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Angry Men



"24 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go, 25 Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul." Proverbs 22:24-25 (NKJV)

One day, as I was considering this verse, I came up with the following limerick:

There once was a man full of wrath
He attacked everyone in his path
He tried to convince all his friends
To help him in achieving his ends
But his friends were reduced by one half

It has been my experience that angry men have a way of recruiting followers. However, if people were wise, they would refuse to be friends with such men. The limerick is about what ought to happen. Unfortunately, that is not always the way that things actually happen. In the long run, angry people do damage to everyone around them. They may have friends now, but often those same friends turn on them when they too become angry men.

Our world is full of angry people. We can see that in our politics, our schools, our families, and even our churches. By angry people, I do not mean those who sometimes have anger. That would include everyone. I am talking about people who are consistently and perpetually angry. Their lives are often controlled by their anger.

Such people are dangerous to themselves and to others. Sometimes, we are influenced, or even motivated, by the anger of those with whom we agree. Their passion can be contagious. But all too often, we eventually see that their anger is not righteous indignation; it is something else entirely.

Angry men will lash out at anything they can. They will tear down anything and everything that they see. We all know how much more work it takes to build something useful than it does to tear it down. Tearing down is sometimes necessary when the plan is to build something better in its place. However, angry men rarely build; they lack those skills. They only know how to tear down what others have built. In the end, they are counterproductive. They usually refuse to take any position of responsibility. They prefer to sit back and criticize those who are busy building. The angry man does not want to face criticism; he only wants to dish it out.

We ought to remember that things like hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, and envy are listed among the works of the flesh. All of these are connected with anger and wrath in one way or another. For some, anger may be an issue of salvation or condemnation.

"19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just

as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.** Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)

Paul told the young evangelist Timothy that the servant, or minister, of the Lord must not quarrel.

"24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth," **II Timothy 2:24-25 (NKJV)**

Anger and patience do not go together. Neither do anger and humility. Yet people are often attracted to preachers who do little more than quarrel. I am convinced that some guys cannot preach unless they are angry about something. The fact that so many are attracted to this only indicates how few people are wise enough to heed what Solomon said.

We would do well to heed Solomon's warning. An angry man may have a large following, but they leave too many shattered people in their wake. A patient, humble man may not have so large of a following, but they lead people to repentance so that they may know the truth. Furthermore, they have real friends.

Even the secular world understands the value of friends, especially trustworthy ones.

"...there is no surer criterion of virtue and vice than whether a man is or is not destitute of such [trustworthy] friends." Plato from *The Seventh Letter*

"No man is a failure who has friends." Clarence in the film *It's a Wonderful Life*

It was not just Solomon who warned us about the wrong kind of companions; Paul did so as well.

"Do not be deceived: **'Evil company corrupts good habits.'**" **I Corinthians 15:33 (NKJV)**

It is believed that Paul quoted from a Greek poet in this verse.

Question about Hebrews 10:5-7

Question: My Bible has a note that says that **Hebrews 10:5-7** is a quotation from **Psalms 40:6-8**. However, when I compare these two passages, they do not completely match. The Hebrews passage says, "...a body You have prepared for me..." while the Psalms passages reads, "...My ears You have opened...". Why are these different?

Answer: The note in your Bible is correct; the writer of Hebrews is quoting from **Psalms 40**, but he is quoting from the **Septuagint** version (**LXX**) not the Hebrew version. The Septuagint, also referred to as the **LXX**, is a translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek from about 200 B.C. It was widely used by the Jews in the first century A.D. and is often quoted by the New Testament writers. The Hebrews writer quoted from this version accurately in Hebrews 10.

"6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; **My ears You have opened**. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to

do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." **Psalms 40:6-8 (NKJV)**

"6 Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not; **but a body hast thou prepared me**: whole-burnt-offering and *sacrifice* for sin thou didst not require. 7 Then I said, Behold, I come: in the volume of the book it is written concerning me, 8 I desired to do thy will, O my God, and thy law in the midst of mine heart." **Psalms 40:6-8 (LXX Brenton's translation)**

The above quotations are both English translations from the Greek, and yet you can still see that the Hebrews writer was using the **Septuagint** as the source of his quotation. This is even clearer when looking at the Greek for both passages.

To understand how the writer of Hebrews is using this quotation, we need to consider the context in which he quotes this Old Testament passage.

"1 For **the law**, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect**. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For **it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins**. 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: 'Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But **a body You have prepared for Me**. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—In the

volume of the book it is written of Me—**To do Your will, O God.**” 8 Previously saying, **‘Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them’** (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, **‘Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.’ He takes away the first that He may establish the second.** 10 By that will **we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**” **Hebrews 10:1-10 (NKJV)**

The Hebrews writer is making the point that the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sins, **verse 4**. This is why God had no pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **verse 8**. In contrast to these ineffective sacrifices, Jesus came to do the will of the Father, and thus He became the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Because He was the perfect sacrifice, it only had to happen once as opposed to the repeated sacrifices of bulls and goats under the Law of Moses. The main point here is the contrast between the ineffective sacrifices of animals that were repeatedly offered under the Law of Moses and the perfect sacrifice of Jesus which was done once and for all.

That perfect, once for all, sacrifice happened through the offering of the body of Jesus who came to do the will of God, **verses 9-10**. That is how we have been sanctified or made holy. That is how we have been made perfect or complete. That is how our sins have finally been forgiven. This is why the first (the Law of Moses) has been taken away to establish the second (salvation in Christ). For this to happen, it was necessary for Jesus to have a body that He could offer first in doing the will of God and second as a sacrifice.

The **Septuagint** version plainly says that Messiah would have a body. The Hebrew version of the Psalm refers to His ears. Of course, if He has ears, He has a body. The point is that the Hebrews writer is not just picking the version that is convenient to his point. The key point he is making is that Jesus had a body, just as it was prophesied that He would. Therefore, He was able to be the sacrifice that we needed for our sanctification. The difference between the **Septuagint** and the Hebrew versions of the Psalms have no bearing on his argument.

Whether the writer of Hebrews made his point by quoting the **Septuagint**, which states it explicitly, or the Hebrew, which states it implicitly, since having ears means you have a body, is irrelevant. Either version would support his argument. Similarly, if I was trying to make a point that could be supported by either the **NKJV** or the **NASB**, but the **NKJV** was more direct regarding the point I was making, I would probably use that version for my quotation. Unless there is a difference between the versions such that one supported my point, but the other did not, there would be no reason not to use the one that spoke most clearly to my point.

A similar idea applies to whether you quote from **Romans 5:9** or **Romans 5:10**, depending on whether you are making the point that our salvation is a result of the death of Christ or the blood of Christ. **Verse 9** says that we are justified by His blood while **verse 10** says we were reconciled to God through His death.

“9 Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood**, we

shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” **Romans 5:9-10 (NKJV)**

His blood and His death are equivalent ideas here. It was in His death that Jesus shed His blood for us. Therefore, speaking of salvation through His blood or His death have the same idea. You can substitute “death” for “blood” or vice versa without changing the essential idea being expressed. Similarly, we can speak of Jesus having a body or having ears opened when making a point about His being sacrificed for us. Either rendering carries the essential idea of Jesus having a body.

Furthermore, sometimes the part is put for the whole or vice versa. That is called synecdoche. If we say, “The ship sank and all souls on board were lost,” we mean that all lives were lost. While “lives” and “souls” are not strictly equivalent, they are for the purposes of stating how many people died in the shipwreck. In the passages that we are considering here, “body” and “ear” are not strictly equivalent, but they are for the purposes of explaining how Jesus can be our perfect, once for all, sacrifice because He had a body (or ears).

The bottom line here is that the Hebrews writer did not misquote the passage from Psalms, nor did he misuse the intent of the passage. He simply used a translation that was very common and widely used in his time to make his point in the passage he was writing. It is no different than when we quote any widely used translation to make our point in a lesson, sermon, or article. If the portion of the translation that

is germane to our point does not misrepresent the original, there is no violence done to the passage, the original, or our point. It remains a fair use of the original passage.

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