

Today

When God's Will is Done

Series: Church Music
Text: Psalm 40

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.5 On the Work of Christ the Mediator

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of his Father;¹ and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto him.²

¹Romans 5:19; Hebrews 10:14; Ephesians 5:2; Romans 3:25-26

²2 Cor 5:18; Col. 1:20; Eph 1:11, 14; Heb. 9:12; John 17:2

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Resolving an Issue in Psalm 40:12

Our Psalm for today was quoted in the New Testament book of Hebrews. The wording is similar but not exactly the same. In Psalm 40:12 “Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, **but you have given me an open ear.**” Hebrews 10:5, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired; **but a body you have prepared for me.**”

For those who believe that Scripture has no error this presents a problem: namely, which is correct? Why are there two different versions? Does this not make Scripture unreliable if there is not perfect wording agreement?

In reply to the differences there are two answers and to understand the first answer a little history is important.

There was a fear that the Old Testament Hebrew language was dying and being replaced by Greek. To preserve Scripture, a group of 70 assembled and translated the

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But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you; may
those who love your salvation
say, “Great is the Lord!”

Psalm 40:16

Scriptures from Hebrew into Greek. That translation is called the Septuagint meaning 70. The New Testament was quoting from the Septuagint version of the Old Testament not the Hebrew version.

The second answer addresses why the 70 changed from **ear** to **body**? The literal Hebrews to English translation of this verse would be “an ear you have dug out for me.” It would have been a common idiom for the original readers. It meant, “You have made me able to hear/understand.”

Both translations/ideas are correct. The ear being able to hear is the instrument for receiving the divine command. The body is the instrument for fulfilling it. The possession of hearing implies a duty of service. The possession of a body implies a duty of service.

Jesus not only was able to hear the command of the Father and also had a body to fulfill that command.

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