

# Psalms 58:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming  
never so wisely.

## Analysis

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Continuing the serpent metaphor, the 'voice of charmers' represents attempts to move the hardened through human wisdom or eloquence. That the adder refuses 'charming never so wisely' demonstrates that judicial hardening makes one immune to persuasion. Only God's sovereign regeneration can overcome such hardness (John 3:3-8), as human means prove insufficient.

## Historical Context

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The image reflects the reality that some remained hardened despite David's righteous rule and prophetic ministry. This anticipates Israel's pattern of rejecting prophets, culminating in rejecting Christ despite His perfect wisdom and mighty works.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What does the futility of 'charming' the hardened teach about evangelism's dependence on God's Spirit?

2. How should recognition of judicial hardening affect your perseverance in speaking truth?

## Interlinear Text

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H834	H3808	Which will not hearken	to the voice	of charmers	charming
		H8085	H6963	H3907	H2266
חֹבֵר	מְחֻכָּם:				
H2267	never so wisely				
	H2449				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 8:17** (Parallel theme): For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.