

Mastering NT Greek

23. Subjecting the Subjunctives

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Warm-ups

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

■ Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·
father our the one in heaven

ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου
make holy name your

ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·
let come kingdom your

γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
let be will your

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

■ ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς·
as in heaven also on earth

τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν
the bread our

ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον·
daily give us today

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

■ καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν·
and forgive us trespasses our

ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν
as also we have forgiven

τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν
the ones trespassing us

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

■ καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς

and do not lead us

εἰς πειρασμόν
into temptation

ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ
but deliver us from

τοῦ πονηροῦ
the evil one

Infinitives Endings to Chant

- Present: εἶν εσθαῖ
- Second Aorist: εἶν εσθαῖ ἦναι
- First Aorist: αῖ ασθαῖ ἦναι
- Perfect: ναι σθαῖ

Chanting the PA and PM/P Ptc

■ Present Active: (chant)

■ Nom.	λύων	λύουσα	λύον
Gen.	λύοντος	λύουσης	λύοντος

■ Present Middle/Passive (non-chant)

■ Nom.	λυόμενος	λυομένη	λυόμενον
Gen.	λυομένου	λυομένης	λυομένου

Forms to Chant to

- **First Aorist Active** 3-1-3 (chant)
- **Nom.** λύσας λύσασα λῦσαν
- Gen.** λύσαντος λυσάσης λύσαντος
- **First Aorist Middle** 2-1-2 (non-chant)
- **Nom.** λυσάμενος λυσαμένη λυσάμενον
- Gen.** λυσαμένου λυσαμένης λυσαμένου

Forms to Chant to

- **First Aorist Passive 3-1-3 (chant)**
- **Nom.** λυθείς λυθείσα λυθέν
- **Gen.** λυθέντος λυθείσης λυθέντος

Present Active Indicative Verbs

I loose / am loosing

- λύω λύομεν
λύεις λύετε
λύει λύουσι(ν)

Present Middle/Passive Indicative

- λύομαι,
-η,
-εταί,
-όμεθα,
-εσθε,
-ονται

I loose myself, I am loosed

Shape of the Future in Greek

■ λύσω

I will loose

λύσεις

You will loose

λύσει

He/she/it will loose

λύσομεν

We will loose

λύσετε

You all will loose

λύσουσι(ν)

They will loose

Future Middle Paradigm

■ λύσομαι

--η

--εταί

--ομεθα

--εσθε

--ονταί

■ I will loose for myself

2-1-2 Paradigms

2
■ λόγος
λόγου
λόγω
λόγον
λόγοι
λόγων
λόγοις
λόγους

1
γραφή
γραφῆς
γραφῆ
γραφῆν
γραφαί
γραφῶν
γραφαῖς
γραφάς

2
ἱερόν
ἱεροῦ
ἱερῶ
ἱερόν
ἱερά
ἱερῶν
ἱεροῖς
ἱερά

3rd Declension Chantables

■	χαρίς	ὄνομα, πίστις	
■	χάρις	ὄνομα	πίστις
■	χάριτος	ὀνόματος	πίστεως
■	χάριτι	ὀνόματι	πίστει
■	χάριτα	ὄνομα	πίστιν
■	χάριτες	ὀνόματα	πίστεις
■	χαρίτων	ὀνομάτων	πίστεων
■	χάρισι(ν)	ὀνόμασι(ν)	πίστεσι(ν)
■	χάριτας	ὀνόματα	πίστεις

Subjunctives

Introduction

- **Verbal Moods: Indicative, Subjunctive, Imperative, Optative**
- **Indicative:** statement portrayed as fact mood
 - King Kong climbed the Empire State building. [Zach shot the ball.]
- **Subjunctive:** possibility "may" or "might", contingency, doubt, uncertainty by reason of futurity
 - Zach may shoot the ball.

Introduction

- **Imperative:** command (expectation)
 - Zach, shoot the ball!
- **Optative:** hoped for, wish
 - Oh that Zach would shoot the ball.

Subjunctives

- **Tense: only in present and aorist**
[οἶδά (Perf.) will appear in the Subjunctive but its rare.]
- **Aspect not tense:**
 - In progress, unfolding, immediacy, details, foregrounded (present)
 - Whole/complete/background (aorist)
- **Time of subjunctive dependent on main verb or context (temporal particles)**

Form

- Uses primary endings:
 - Active: $\omega, \epsilon\iota\varsigma, \epsilon\iota, \omicron\mu\epsilon\nu\dots$
 - Passive: $\mu\alpha\iota, \eta, \epsilon\tau\alpha\iota, \omicron\mu\epsilon\theta\alpha \dots$
- The trick: the connecting vowel is lengthened \omicron to ω ; ϵ to η
- Present: $\lambda\upsilon + \omega + \mu\epsilon\nu = \lambda\acute{\upsilon}\omega\mu\epsilon\nu$
 - we may continue to loose
- Aorist: $\lambda\upsilon + \sigma + \omega + \mu\epsilon\nu = \lambda\acute{\upsilon}\sigma\omega\mu\epsilon\nu$
 - we may loose

Present Active (process, immediacy, foregrounding)

- Active Singular Plural
- 1 λύω λύωμεν
- 2 λύησ λύητε
- 3 λύη λύωσι(ν)
- I may continue loosing (may be loosing)
 You may continue loosing

Present Mid/Passive (process, immediacy, foregrounding)

- Mid/Pas Singular Plural
- 1 λύωμαι λυώμεθα
- 2 λύη λύησθε
- 3 λύηται λύωνται
- I may continue to be loosed
You may continue to be loosed

Aorist Middle (whole, complete, background)

■ Mid	Singular	Plural
■	1 λύσωμαι	λυσώμεθα
	2 λύση	λύσησθε
	3 λύσηται	λύσωνται

- I may loose (myself)
You may loose (yourself)

Aorist Passive (whole, complete, background)

- **Passive Singular** **Plural**
- 1 λυθῶ λυθῶμεν
- 2 λυθῆς λυθῆτε
- 3 λυθῆ λυθῶσι(ν)
- **I may be loosed**
You may be loosed

Second Aorist Active

(λείπω = I leave)

■ Active		Singular	Plural
■	1	λίπω	λίπωμεν
	2	λίπησ	λίπητε
	3	λίπη	λίπωσι(ν)

■ I may leave
You may leave

Subjunctivizing εἶμί

■ Active		Singular	Plural
■	1	ᾠ̂	ᾠ̂μεν
	2	ᾠ̂ς	ᾠ̂τε
	3	ᾠ̂	ᾠ̂σι(ν)
■ I may be			
You may be			

Subjunctive Chant

- Present Active Subj.

λύω, λυης, λυη,

λύωμεν, λύητε, λύωσι(ν)

- Present Mid./Pass. Subj.

λύωμαι,

-η, ηται, -ωμεθα, -ησθε, -ωνται

Four Subjunctive Triggers

- ἵνα = in order that + Subjunctive (ὅπως)
- εἰάν = if/when + Subjunctive
- ὅς ἂν = whoever + Subjunctive
- ἕως = until + Subjunctive
- Hint: whenever you see a ἵνα look for a subjunctive following it.

Four Functions of Subjunctives

- **Hortatory subjunctive:** "Let us, let me"
 - Requires first person: me, we
 - Let us go, let us pray
- **Subordinate purpose/result clause:**
 - in order that he might run
- **Prohibitive Subjunctive**
 - Lead us not into temptation

Four Functions of Subjunctives

- **Deliberative subjunctive:** rhetorical device not wanting an answer
 - What shall I say to you?

Four Types of Conditionals

- **1) Reality:** if (since) you come, then I will...
 - εἰ + Indicative verb
- **2) Contrary to fact:** "If you had come he would not have died (but you didn't)"
 - εἰ + indicative + ἄν + indicative
- **3) Probability:** if you come then you are my friend (but you have not yet)
 - εἰάν + Subjunctive

Four Types of Conditionals

- 4) **Possibility:** $\epsilon\acute{\iota}$ + Optative (if you should suffer)

Optatives

- Mood of wish -- 67 in NT
- Characterized by an internal addition of: οι, αι, or ει internal connector.
- γένοιτο -- Aorist of γίνομαι -- may it be
- δυναίμην -- Present dep. 1s -- Oh that I would be able to ...
- ἔχοιεν -- Present 3 Pl -- Oh that they would have

Negative Rhetorical Questions

- οὐ implies a "yes" answer

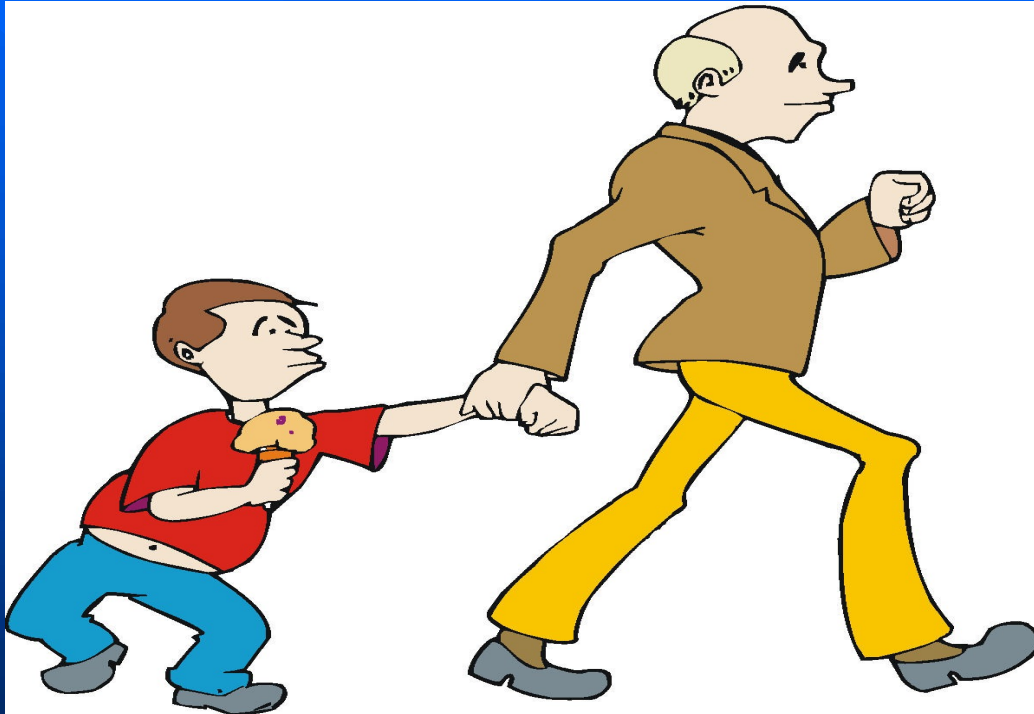
Elliott, you are going to study tonight,
aren't you? -- yes, of course

- μή implies a "no" answer (may = nay).

"You are not going to study are you?
-- no most likely not

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

■ ἄγω



I lead, bring

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

- ἀπολύω



I set free

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

- εἴτε
- if, whether

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

- ἐντολή, -ῆς, ἡ



commandment

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

■ καρπός, -οῦ, ὁ



fruit

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

- πιστός, -ή, -όν



faithful

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

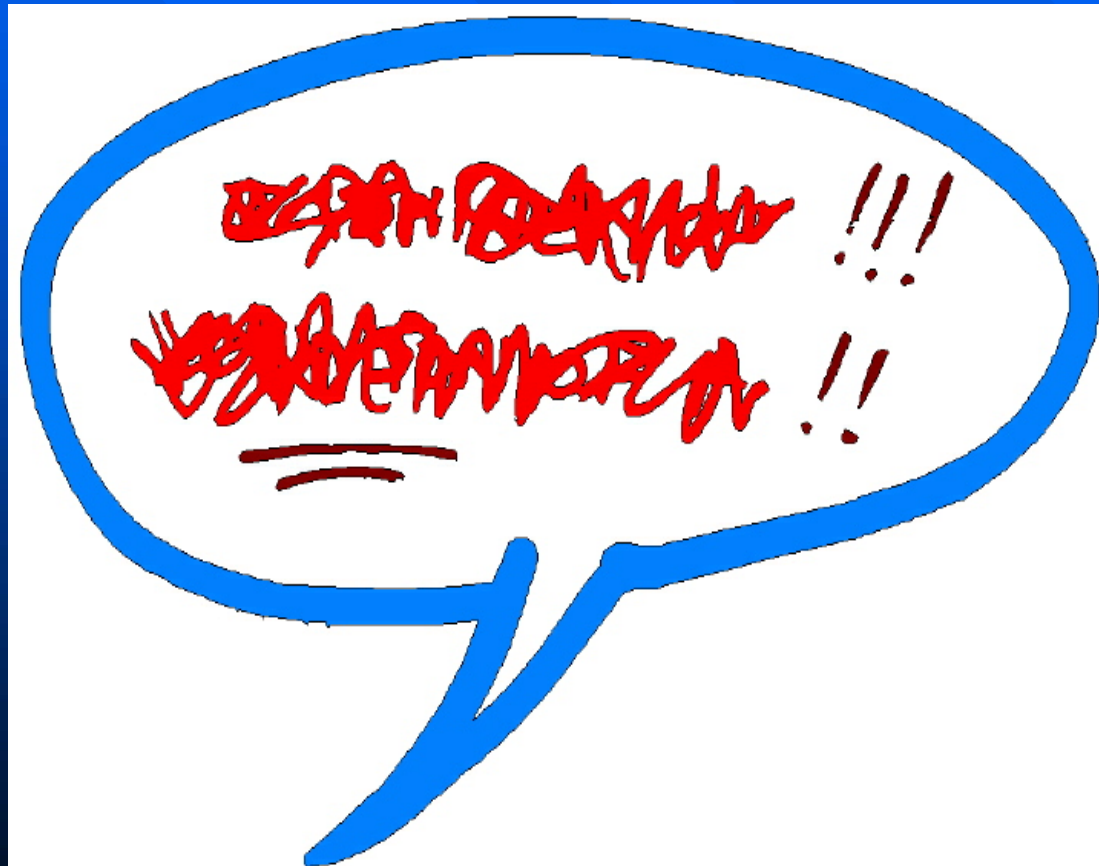
- πρεσβύτερος, -α, -ον



elder

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

- ρήμα, -ατος, τό



word

Vocabulary Ch. 23

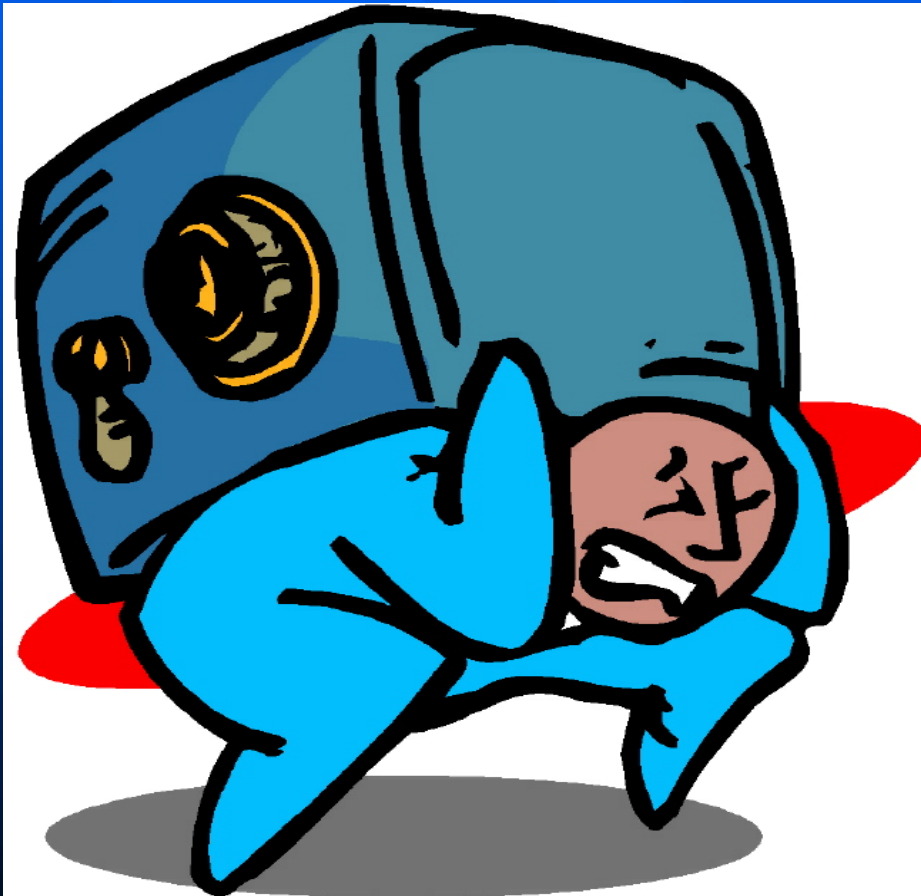
- σάββατον, -ου, τό



Sabbath

Chapter 23 Vocabulary

- φέρω



I bear, carry

Vocabulary Review



Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- γεννάω
- I beget
- δικαιοσύνη, -ης, ἡ
- righteousness
- εἰάν
- if, when
- εἰρήνη, -ης, ἡ
- peace
- οἶδα
- I know

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

■ οἰκία, -ας, ἡ

■ house

■ ὄραω

■ I see

■ περιπατέω

■ I walk

■ πῶς

■ how?

■ φοβέομαι

■ I fear

Chapter 17 Vocabulary

■ εἰ

– if, that

■ ἐσθίω

– I eat

■ ζάω

– I live

■ ζητέω

– I seek

■ ἢ

– or, either

Chapter 17 Vocabulary

■ καλέω

– I call

■ λαλέω

– I speak, say

■ παρακαλέω

– I urge, exhort

■ πληρόω

– I fill, complete

■ ποιέω

– I do, make

Chapter 16 Vocabulary

- αἰών, -ῶνος, ὁ
– age, eternity
- ἀλλήλων
– one another
- ἀρχιερεύς, -έως, ὁ
– high priest
- γυνή, -αικός, ἡ
– woman
- δύναμαι
– I can, am able

Chapter 16 Vocabulary

- ἔθνος, -ους, τό
– nation
- ὅσος, -η, -ον
– as great as
- πόλις, -εως, ἡ
– city
- τε
– and, and so
- χεῖρ, χειρός, ἡ
– hand

Chapter 15 Vocabulary

■ ἄλλος, -η, -ο

» other

■ ἄρτος, -ου, ὁ

» bread

■ δεῖ

» it is necessary

■ ἐξουσία, -ας, ἡ

» authority

■ ἕτερος, -α, -ον

» different

Chapter 15 Vocabulary

■ ἔτι

» yet, still

■ ὄφθαλμός, -οῦ, ὁ

» eye

■ τέκνον, -ου, τό

» child

■ τόπος, -ου, ὁ

» place

■ φῶς, φωτός, τό

» light

Chapter 14 Vocabulary

■ αἷμα, -ματος, τό

– blood

■ αἴρω

– I raise, take up

■ διδάσκω

– I teach

■ ἴδιος, -α, -ον

– one's own

■ καλός, -ή, -όν

– good

Chapter 14 Vocabulary

- μέλλω
 - I am about to, intend
- ὁδός, -οῦ, ἡ
 - way
- πολύς, πολλή, πολύ
 - much, many
- σῶμα, -ματος, τό
 - body
- ψυχή, -ῆς, ἡ
 - soul, life

Body/soul; mind/brain

- 28 καὶ μὴ φοβηθῆτε ἀπὸ τῶν ἀποκτεινόντων τὸ σῶμα τὴν δὲ ψυχὴν μὴ δυναμένων ἀποκτεῖναι·
- φοβεῖσθε δὲ μᾶλλον τὸν δυνάμενον καὶ ψυχὴν καὶ σῶμα ἀπολέσαι [to destroy ἀπολλυμι] ἐν γενέσῃ