

# Mastering NT Greek

## 27. Comparatives and Clauses

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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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# Paradigm διδωμι -- give it to -μι

■ Present	Imperfect	Future	Aorist
■ 1 δίδωμι	ἐδίδουν	δώσω	ἔδωκα
2 δίδως	ἐδίδους	δώσεις	ἔδωκας
3 δίδωσι	ἐδίδου	δώσει	ἔδωκε(ν)
1 δίδομεν	εδίδομεν	δώσομεν	ἐδώκαμεν
2 δίδοτε	ἐδίδοτε	δώσετε	ἐδώκατε
3 διδόασι	εδίδοσαν	δώσουσι	ἔδωκαν
■ Perfect add a δ on the front of the Aorist			



# Moody δίδωμι

■ Present	Aorist	Present	Aorist
■ Subj	Subj	Imper	Imper
■ 1 δίδω	δῶ	--	--
2 δίδῶς	δῶς	δίδου	δός
3 δίδῶ	δῶ	διδότω	δότω
1 δίδῶμεν	δῶμεν	--	--
2 δίδῶτε	δῶτε	δίδοτε-	δότε-
3 δίδῶσι	δῶσι	διδότωσαν	δότωσαν

# Present Paradigms of other -μι

- Spanish endings to chant:

-μι, -ς, -σι, -μεν, -τε, -ασι

- |   |           |            |              |
|---|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | ἴσθημι    | τίθημι     | δείκνυμι     |
| 2 | ἴσθης     | τίθης      | δείκνυεις    |
| 3 | ἴσθησι(ν) | τίθησι(ν)  | δείκνυσι(ν)  |
| 1 | ἴσταμεν   | τίθεμεν    | δείκνυμεν    |
| 2 | ἴστατε    | τίθετε     | δείκνυτε     |
| 3 | ἴσῳασι(ν) | τιθέασι(ν) | δεικνύασι(ν) |

# Principal Parts

- **PresAI**      **FAI**      **AAI**      **PerfAI**
- δίδωμι, δώσω, ἔδωκα, δέδωκα,  
τίθημι, θήσω, ἔθηκα, τέθεικα,  
ἵστημι, στήσω, ἕστησα, ἕστηκα,  
δείκνυμι, δείξω, ἔδειξα δέδειχα,
- **PerfMI**      **API**
- δέδομαι, ἐδόθην  
τέθειμαι, ἐτέθην  
ἕσταμαι, ἐστάθην  
δέδειγμαι, ἐδείχθην

# Infinitive ending tags to know

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

# Endings for the Imperative soft shoe

## ■ Present

- ◆ -ε, -τω, -τε, -τωσαν (Active)
- ου, -σθω, -σθε, -σθωσαν (M/Pas)

## ■ First Aorist

- ◆ -υ, -τω, -τε, -τωσαν (Active)
- αι, -σθω, -σθε, -σθωσαν (Mid)
- τι, -τω, -τε, -τωσαν (Pas)

## ■ Second Aorist endings = present ending + -τι for the passive

# Counting to 10: Cardinals

■ εἶς	1	ἕξ	6
δύο	2	ἑπτὰ	7
τρῆις	3	ὀκτώ	8
τέσσαρες	4	ἐννέα	9
πέντε	5	δέκα	10

# Comparatives and Clauses

# Ch. 27 Comparatives/Superlatives

- **Comparatives/Superlatives**
- **In English it is seen in:**
  - ◆ **good / small**
  - ◆ **better / smaller (comparative)**
  - ◆ **best / smallest (superlative)**
  - ◆ **great, greater, greatest, etc.**
  - ◆ **beautiful, more beautiful, most beautiful**
  - ◆ **Comparative compares 2 items;**
  - ◆ **Superlatives compare 3 or more**



# Greek Comparative/Superlative

- In Greek the comparative may be function as:
  - ◆ 1) A regular adjective
  - ◆ 2) A superlative (superlative dying out)
  - ◆ 3) A elative (intensified adjectival sense: very great)
- Superlative may function: regular, elative or comparative as well

# Greek Comparative

- Greek uses an -ων or -τερος, -α, -ον ending
- μέγας (great) -- μείζων (greater) (Mat 11:11),
- πολὺς (many), πλείων (more)
- The particle ἤ is frequently used in comparative situations "greater than..."
- Comparative as relative
- ὃς ὥφθη (ὄραω) ἐπὶ ἡμερας πλείους
  - ◆ who was seen for very many days (Acts 13:31)

# Greek Comparative

- Comparative as superlative
- Luk 9:48 ὁ μικρότερος πᾶσιν ὑμῖν ...  
ἐστὶν μέγας
- the least among you ... is greatest
- Comparative as regular Adj.
- Mat 12:6 λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι τοῦ ἱεροῦ  
μείζον ἐστὶν ὧδε
- I tell you, [something] greater than the  
temple is here

# Greek Comparative

- Declining comparatives:
- μείζων, μείζονος, μείζονι, μείζονα, μείζονες ...
- Other comparatives
  - ◆ ἀγαθός (good); κρείστων (better)
  - ◆ πολύς (much); πλείων (more)
  - ◆ κακός (bad); χείρων (worse)

# Greek Superlatives

- Superlatives made by adding -τατος, -η, -ον or -ιστος, -η, -ον
- μικρός (little)
- ἐλάσσων (less)
- ἐλάχιστος (least)
- Some other superlatives
  - ◆ ὕψιστος, -η, -ον (highest);
  - ◆ πλείστος (most)

# Greek Superlatives

- As elative:

- Mk 4:1 συνάγεται πρὸς αὐτὸν ὄχλος πλείστος

  - ◆ a very great crowd gathered before him

- As Comparative

- Mat 21:28 ἄνθρωπος εἶχεν τέκνα δύο. καὶ προσελθὲν τῷ πρώτῳ εἶπεν

- a man had two sons. He came to the first and said

# Conjunctions - Temporal -- Structural Markers

- ἄχρι until
- ἐπεί when
- ἐπειδή when
- ἕως until
- ὅτε when
- πρίν before

# Conjunctions - Causal - Structural Markers

- γάρ for
- διότι because
- ἐπεὶ since
- ὅτι because
- ὡς since
- ἐπειδὴ since



# Conjunctions - Purpose -- Structural Markers

- ἵνα in order that
- ὅπως in order that
- ὥς in order that

# Conjunctions - Continuative - Structural Markers

- δέ and, now
- ἵνα that
- καί and
- ὅτι that
- οὖν then, now
- τέ and

# Conjunctions - Adversative - Structural Markers

- ἀλλά but
- δέ but
- καί but -- rare
- μέντοι however
- οὖν however

# Other structural marking particles

- ἀμήν      so be it, truly
- ἄρα      therefore
- ἴδε      behold
- ἰδοῦ      behold
- μέν      indeed
- ναί      yes, indeed

# Clause types - Introduction

- **Phrase -- multiple word unit without a verb**
- **Clause -- multiple word unit with a verb**
- **Clauses can act or substitute for:**
  - ◆ **1) Substantive (noun):**
    - ◆ I do not have what I need.
  - ◆ **2) Adjective:**
    - ◆ He bought the ball which was on the floor.
  - ◆ **3) Adverb:**
    - ◆ We will visit when the car is working.

# Clause Types -- Purpose Clause

- **Purpose Clause** -- Tells the goal or reason for the action of the main verb
- I went **to encourage Zach.**
  - tells goal/purpose for an activity
- Infinitives play this role
  - ◆ Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον κατακύσαι τὸν νόμον
  - ◆ Do not think that I came to destroy the law.

# Purpose Clause

- **εἰς or πρὸς with the articular infinitive**
  - ◆ ποιῶσιν πρὸς τὸ θεαθῆναι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις (Mat 23:5)
  - ◆ they do [them] to be seen by men
- **With ἵνα + subjunctive**
  - ◆ ἦλθεν -- ἵνα μαρτυρήσῃ περὶ τοῦ φωτός
  - ◆ he came that he might bear witness concerning the light (Jn 1:7)

# Result Clause

- Shows results of main verb. In English the translation is often close but the meaning is quite distinct
- ὥστε or ὡς + Infinitive
- καὶ εἰάν ἔχω πᾶσαν τὴν πίστιν ὥστε ὄρη μεθιστάναι
- and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains (result of faith)



# Temporal Clauses

- Tell when the events of the main verb are taking place (before, after, during ...)
- The structural indicating conjunctions will trigger this
- ὅτε ἐτέλεσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς λόγους τούτους, μετῆρεν.
- When Jesus had finished these words, he departed (Mat 19:1)

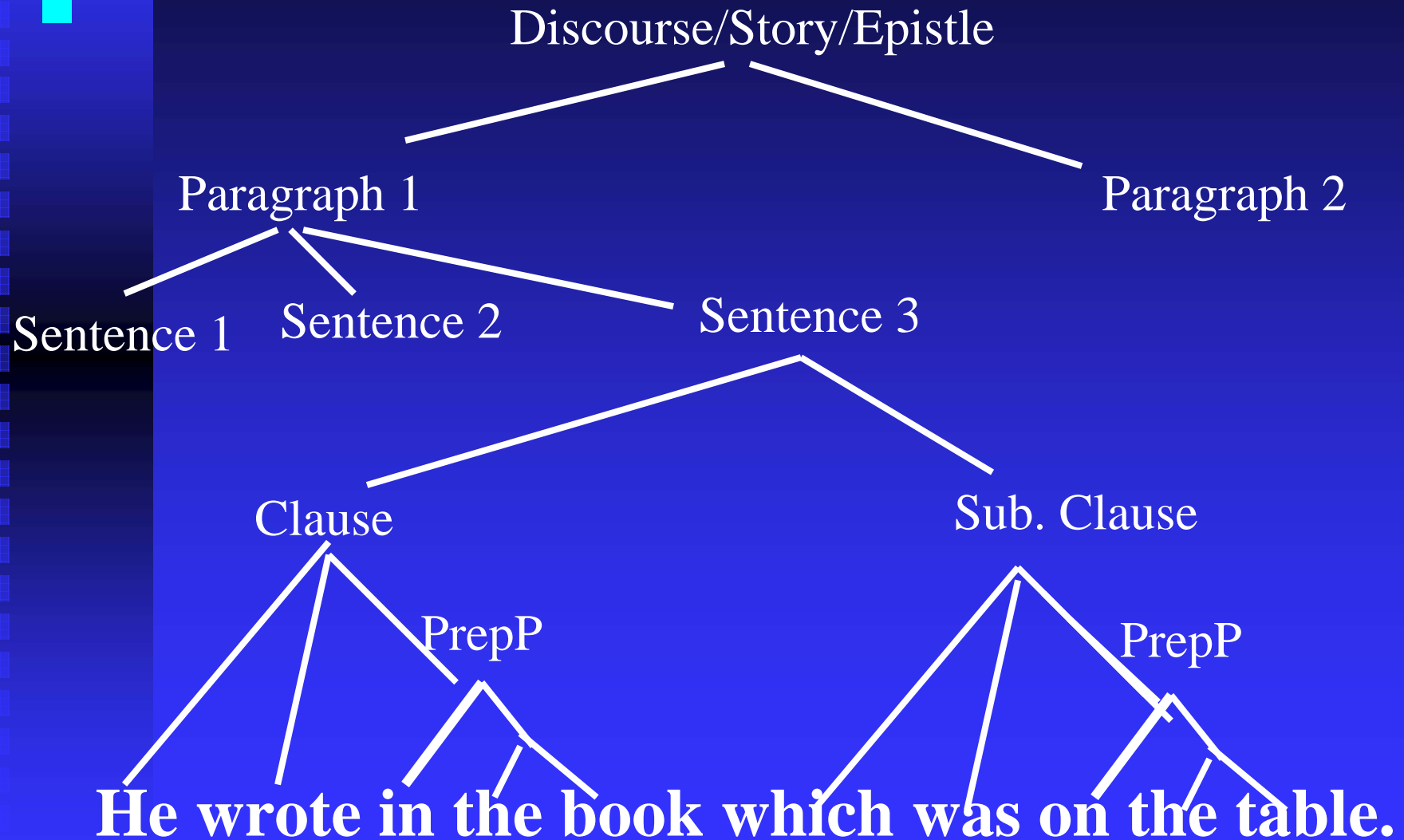
# Thinking beyond the box

- The point of the discussion on clauses was to begin thinking beyond the word level (parsing, word meaning) moving to the phrase and clause level.

# Language Levels

- The development is from:
- words → phrases & clauses
- words/phrases/clause → sentences
- Sentences → to paragraphs
- Finally paragraphs → discourses/books/epistles

# Language Levels



# Importance of different levels

- **Context determines meaning. These higher levels allow one to establish semantic and syntactic context.**

# Chapter 27 Vocabulary

- δύο
  - ◆ two
- δώδεκα
  - ◆ twelve
- εἷς, μία, ἓν
  - ◆ one
- ἑκατόν
  - ◆ one hundred
- ἑπτὰ
  - ◆ seven

# Chapter 27 Vocabulary

- μηδείς, μηδεμία, μηδέν
  - ◆ no, no one
- οὐδείς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν
  - ◆ no, no one
- πέντε
  - ◆ five
- τρεῖς, τρία
  - ◆ three
- χιλιάς, -άδος, ἡ
  - ◆ thousand

# Vocabulary Review



# Chapter 1 Vocabulary

angel, messenger

ἄγγελος, -ου, ὁ

verily, truly

ἀμήν

man, humankind

ἄνθρωπος, -ου, ὁ

I

ἐγώ

God

θεός, -οῦ, ὁ

# Chapter 1 Vocabulary

**and, also, even**

καί

**heart**

καρδία, -ας, ἡ

**I say**

λέγω

**prophet**

προφήτης, -ου, ὁ

**Christ, Messiah**

Χριστός, -οῦ, ὁ

# Chapter 2 Vocabulary

## ■ brother

- ἀδελφός, -οῦ, ὁ

## ■ I hear, obey

- ἀκούω

## ■ glory, fame

- δόξα, -ης, ἡ

## ■ I have

- ἔχω

## ■ world

- κόσμος, -ου, ὁ

# Chapter 2 Vocabulary

- Lord, sir

  - κύριος, -ου, ὁ

- word

  - λόγος, -ου, ὁ

- Peter

  - Πέτρος, -ου, ὁ

- son

  - υἱός, -οῦ, ὁ

- Pharisee

  - Φαρισαῖος, -ου, ὁ

# Chapter 3 Vocabulary

- **but, yet**
  - ἀλλά
- **apostle, sent one**
  - ἀπόστολος, -ου, ὁ
- **I see**
  - βλέπω
- **for, then**
  - γάρ
- **I know**
  - γινώσκω

# Chapter 3 Vocabulary

## ■ Jesus

• Ἰησοῦς, -οῦ, ὁ

## ■ I take, receive

• λαμβάνω

## ■ I loose

• λύω

## ■ heaven

• οὐρανός, -οῦ, ὁ

## ■ I believe

• πιστεύω

# Chapter 4 Vocabulary

- I love

- ἀγαπάω

- I write

- γράφω

- but, and

- δέ

- servant, slave

- δοῦλος, -ου, ὁ

- I find

- εὕρισκω

# Chapter 4 Vocabulary

- temple

- ἱερόν, -οῦ, τό

- people

- λαός, -οῦ, ὁ

- law

- νόμος, -ου, ὁ

- house

- οἶκος, -ου, ὁ

- as, about, how

- ὥς



# Chapter 5 Vocabulary

## ■ love

• ἀγάπη, -ης, ἡ

## ■ truth

• ἀλήθεια, -ας, ἡ

## ■ sin

• ἁμαρτία, -ας, ἡ

## ■ kingdom

• βασιλεία, -ας, ἡ

## ■ writing, Scripture

• γραφή, -ῆς, ἡ

# Chapter 5 Vocabulary

- I raise up

- ἐγείρω

- assembly, church

- ἐκκλησία, -ας, ἡ

- work

- ἔργον, -ου, τό

- disciple

- μαθητής, -ου, ὁ

- hour

- ὥρα, -ας, ἡ

# Chapter 6 Vocabulary

- from (Gen.)
  - από
- through (Gen.)
  - διά
- on account of (Acc.)
  - διά
- into (Acc.)
  - εἰς

# Chapter 6 Vocabulary

■ out of (Gen.)

■ ἐκ

■ in (Dat.)

■ ἐν

■ on, over (Gen.)

■ ἐπί

■ on, at, against, on the basis of (Dat.)

■ ἐπί

# Chapter 6 Vocabulary

■ on, to, toward, against (Acc.)

■ ἐπί

■ down, against (Gen.)

■ κατά

■ according to (Acc.)

■ κατά

■ with (+ Gen.)

■ μετά

# Chapter 6 Vocabulary

- **after, behind (+ Acc.)**  
■ μετά
- **about, concerning (+ Gen.)**  
■ περί
- **around, near (+ Acc.)**  
■ περί
- **to (+ Acc.)**  
■ πρὸς

# Chapter 7 Vocabulary

■ good

■ ἀγαθός, -ή, -όν

■ holy

■ ἅγιος, -α, -ον

■ righteous

■ δίκαιος, -α, -ον

■ I am

■ εἰμί

# Chapter 7 Vocabulary

- Jewish, a Jew
- Ἰουδαῖος, -α, -ον
- great
- μέγας, μεγάλη, μέγα
- dead
- νεκρός, -ά, -όν
- no, not
- οὐ, οὐκ, οὐχ



# Chapter 7 Vocabulary

- first
- πρώτος, -η, -ον
- voice
- φωνή, -ῆς, ἡ

# Chapter 8 Vocabulary

- he/she/it
- αὐτός, -ή, -ό
- land, earth, region
- γῆ, -ῆς, ἡ
- I, we
- ἐγώ, ἡμεῖς
- day
- ἡμέρα, -ας, ἡ

# Chapter 8 Vocabulary

- so, then, therefore
- οὖν
- crowd
- ὄχλος, -ου, ὁ
- from (with Gen.)
- παρά
- beside, with (with Dat.)
- παρά

# Chapter 8 Vocabulary

■ alongside, beside (with Acc.)

■ παρά

■ that, so that

■ ὅτι

■ you, you (pl.)

■ σύ, ὑμεῖς

■ by, at the hands of (with Gen.)

■ ὑπό

■ under, below (with Acc.)

■ ὑπό

# Chapter 9 Vocabulary

- I answer
- ἀποκρίνομαι
- I send
- ἀποστέλλω
- I throw
- βάλλω
- I become
- γίνομαι

# Chapter 9 Vocabulary

- I come in
- εἰσέρχομαι
- I go out
- ἐξέρχομαι
- I come/go
- ἔρχομαι
- I wish
- θέλω

# Chapter 9 Vocabulary

- thus, so
- οὕτως
- I go
- πορεύομαι

# Chapter 10 Vocabulary

■ life

■ ζωή, -ῆς, ἡ

■ death

■ θάνατος, -ου, ὁ

■ I judge

■ κρίνω

■ I remain

■ μένω

■ only, alone

■ μόνος, -η, -ον



# Chapter 10 Vocabulary

- now
- νῦν
- and not, nor
- οὐδέ
- Paul
- Παῦλος
- I save
- σωζω
- then
- τότε