

## Lesson 29

The Principal Parts

217. The Greek Verb normally has six principal parts. Each of these presents a tense stem, and these stems are used to construct all tenses in all the moods and voices. There are three of the principal parts which have second or alternate (weak) forms. Thus some verbs may have more than the six forms (e.g., a first and second aorist). Many verbs do not have the full component of six, some forms having dropped out of use. Other verbs take their principal parts from altogether different roots like the English am, was, been.

218. Chart of principal parts. The following chart shows the complete tense system in the customary order and gives what forms are made from each tense stem:

<u>System</u>	<u>Tense made from</u>
1. Present, λύω	Present and imperfect in all moods and voices
2. Future, λύσω	Future in active and middle voices
3. Aorist, ἔλυσα (1 <sup>st</sup> Aorist) (Here the second or μι-aor. of verbs taking them)	Aorist active and middle voices
4. Perfect, λέλυκα (1 <sup>st</sup> Perfect) (Second perfect of verb which takes that form)	Perfect and pluperfect active
5. Perfect middle, λέλυμαι	Perfect and pluperfect middle and passive future perfect
6. Aorist passive, ἐλύθη	Aorist and future passive

It will be seen that the principal parts are cited in the first personal singular of each of the forms in which the verb occurs. To know a verb one must know its principal parts. Compare these systems with the three parts of the English verb or four parts of the Latin amo, amare, amavi, amatus) or the French Je vais, alle, allai, allant) from which in these languages also all verb forms are built.

219. Regular patterns. Some types of verbs treat all verbs of the same type as models (compare λύω, above).

1. Regular vowel and diphthong stems: πιστεύω, πιστεύσω, ἐπίστευσα, πεπίστευκα, πεπίστευμαι, ἐπίστεύθη.
2. Short vowel stems  
(εω): ποιῶ, ποίησα, ἐποίησα, πεποίησα, πεποίημαι, ἐποίηθη.  
(αω): ἀγαπῶ, ἀγαπήσω, ἠγάπησα, ἠγάπηκα, ἠγάπημαι, ἠγαπηθη.  
(οω): πληρῶ, πληρώσω, ἐπλήρωσα, πεπλήρωκα, πεπλήρωμαι, ἐπληρώθη.
3. Liquids: ἀγγέλλω, ἀγγελῶ, ἠγγεῖλα, ἠγγελκα, ἠγγεμαι, ἠγγέλη.
4. μι – verbs: τίθημι, θήσω, ἔθηκα (οι – σα), τέθεικα, τέθειμαι, ἐτέθη.
5. Palatal stems: κηρύσσω, κηρύξω, ἐκήρυξα, (κεκήρυχα), (κεκήρυγμαι), ἐκήρυχθη.
6. Lingual stems: σώζω, σώσω, ἔσωσα, σέσωκα, σέσω(σ)μαι, ἐσώθη.
7. Labial stems: γράφω, γράψω, ἔγραψα, γέγραφα, γέγραμμαι, ἐγράψαν.

220. Vocabulary : PRINCIPAL PARTS OF VERBS WHICH ARE IRREGULAR

<u>Present</u> 1		<u>Future</u> 2	<u>Aorist</u> 3	<u>Perfect</u> 4	<u>Perfect Middle</u> 5	<u>Aorist Passive</u> 6
ἄγω,	<u>lead</u>	ἄξω	ἤγαγον		ἤγμαι	ἤχθην
αἰρέω,	<u>choose</u>	αἰρήσομαι	εἶλον	ἤρηκα	ἤρημαι	ἤρίθην
αἴρω,	<u>raise</u>	ἀρῶ	ἤρα	ἤρκα	ἤρμαι	ἤρθην
ἀκούω,	<u>hear</u>	ἀκούσομαι	ἤκουσα	ἀκήκοα		ἤκούσθην
		ἀκούσω				
ἀποθνήσκω,	<u>die</u>	-θάνομαι	-έθανον	-τέθνηκα		
ἀποκτείνω,	<u>kill</u>	ἀποκτενῶ	ἀπέκτεινα			ἀπέκτανθην
βαίνω,	<u>go</u>	βήσομαι	ἔβην	βέβηκα		
βάλλω,	<u>throw</u>	βαλῶ	ἔβαλον	βέβληκα	βέβλημαι	ἐβλήθην
βούλομαι,	<u>wish</u>					ἐβουλήθην
γίνομαι,	<u>become</u>	γενήσομαι	ἐγενόμην	γέγονα	γεγένημαι	ἐγενήθην
γινώσκω,	<u>know</u>	γνώσομαι	ἔγνω	ἔγνωκα	ἔγνωσμαι	ἐγνώσθην
δέω,	<u>tie, must</u>	δήσω	ἔδησα	δέδεκα	δέδεμαι	ἐδέθην
δύναμαι,	<u>can</u>	δυνήσομαι	ἐδυνάμην			ἠδυνήθην
εἰμί,	<u>am</u>	ἔσομαι	ἦν			
ἔρχομαι,	<u>go</u>	ἐλεύσομαι	ἦλθον	ἐλήλυθα		
ἐσθίω,	<u>eat</u>	φάγομαι	ἔφαγον			
εὐρίσκω,	<u>find</u>	εὐρήσω	εὗρον	εὕρηκα		εὐρέθην
ἔχω,	<u>have</u>	ἔξω (σχήσω)	ἔσχον	ἔσκηκα		
καλέω,	<u>call</u>	καλέσω	ἐκάλεσα	κέκληκα		ἐκλήθην
κρίνω,	<u>judge</u>	κρινῶ	ἔκρινα	κέκρικα	κέκριμαι	ἐκρίθην
λαμβάνω,	<u>take</u>	λήψομαι	ἔλαβον	εἶληφα	εἶλημμαι	ἐλήμφθην
λέγω,	<u>say</u>	ἐρῶ	εἶπον	εἶρηκα		ελέχθην
λείπω,	<u>leave</u>	λείψω	ἔλιπον		λέλειμαι	ἐλείφθην
μανθάνω,	<u>learn</u>		ἔμαθον	μεμάθηκα		
μιμνήσκω,	<u>remember</u>	-μνήσω	-έμνησα	μέμνημαι	μέμνημαι	ἐμνήσθην
ὁράω,	<u>see</u>	ὄψομαι	εἶδον	έώρακα		ὠφθην
πάσχω,	<u>suffer</u>		ἔπαθον	πέπονθα		
πείθω,	<u>persuade</u>	πείσω	ἔπεισα	πέποιθα	πέπεισμαι	ἐπέισθην
πίπτω,	<u>fall</u>	πεσοῦμαι	ἔπεσον	πέπτωκα		
τίκτο,	<u>give birth</u>	τέξομαι	ἔτεκον			ἐτέχθην
τρέχω,	<u>run</u>		ἔδραμον			
ψαίνω,	<u>appear</u>	φανοῦμαι	ἔφανα			ἐφάνην
φέρω,	<u>bear</u>	ῥίσω	ἤνεγκα	ἐνήνοχα		ἠνέχθην
φεύγω.	<u>flee</u>	φεύξομαι	ἔφυγον	πέφευγα		
χαίρω,	<u>rejoice</u>	χαρήσομαι				ἐχάρην

221. Exercises.I. Questions:

1. What are the six forms in the principal parts of most verbs in Greek?
2. Which of these three forms or “systems” are formed in more than one way?
3. What tense (with mode and voice) are made from each one of the principal parts?
4. What are the principal parts of a verb in each one of the “types” of Greek verbs?
5. Learning the new principal parts of the irregular verbs in the above list and the meaning of each in the present.

II. Text A.

εἶπαν αὐτῷ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι· νῦν ἐγνώκαμεν ὅτι δαιμόνιον ἔχεις. Ἀβραὰμ ἀπέθανεν καὶ οἱ προφήται. ἀπρεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς· ὁ πατήρ (father) μου δοξάζει με· οὐκ ἐγνώκατε αὐτόν, ἐγὼ δὲ οἶδα αὐτόν καὶ τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ τηρῶ. Ἀβραὰμ ἠγαλλισάσατο (ἀγαλλιάω, rejoiced) ἰδεῖν τὴν ἡμέραν τὴν ἐμήν, καὶ εἶδεν καὶ ἐχάρη. εἶπαν οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι πρὸς αὐτόν· πενήκοντα (πεντήκοντα ἔτη, fifty years) ἔτη οὐπω ἔχεις καὶ Ἀβραὰμ ἐώρακας; εἶπεν αὐτοῖς Ἰησοῦς· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, (πρὶν (ἢ) + infinitive, before) πρὶν Ἀβραὰμ γενέσθαι ἐγὼ εἰμί. ἦραν οὖν λίθους βαλεῖν ἐπ’ αὐτόν· Ἰησοῦς ἐξῆλθεν ἐκ τοῦ ἱεροῦ.

III. Text B.

1. ἔσομαι, ἐλεύσομαι, κρινεῖς, λείψετε, ὀψόμεθα, πεσοῦνται, οἶσω, θήσει
2. ὤφθην, ἤχθην, ἐφάνης, εὐρέθητε, ἐγράφημεν, ἠδυνήθησαν.
3. μένω, μενεῖ, ἔμεινε, μέμενηκα, βέβληται, ἠγγείλαμεν, ἀγγελῶ.
4. ἀκηκόαμεν ὅτι ὁ χριστός ἐλήλυθε καὶ ἐδράμομεν ἰδεῖν αὐτόν.
5. Ἀβραὰμ ἀνήνεγκε (ἀναφέρω offer) τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπληρώθη ἡ γραφή Ἐπίστευσε δὲ Ἀβραὰμ τῷ θεῷ καὶ ἐλογίσθη (λογίζομαι, reckon) αὐτῷ εἰς δικαιοσύνην καὶ φίλος θεοῦ ἐκλήθη.

IV. Translate

1. We shall go because we have seen and heard the Lord.
2. The disciples have come and have announced the word to us.
3. Abraham saw the day of the Lord and when he had seen, rejoiced (Use aorist passive.).
4. The Jews answered, “We have known him and we have kept his word.
5. The Christ was seen by the apostles when he had arisen
6. The prophets remained many days and the people were led into the truth.