

Lesson 50

Adverbs and Their Comparisons

λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε Finally, brethren, farewell, II Cor. 13:11

395. Origin of Adverbs. Adverbs occur in Greek in many forms. Originally many were cases forms of substantives, adjectives, and pronouns, even participles. The forms crystallized and became fixed as adverbs and became indeclinable; e.g.,

Genitive-Ablative: ὄντως, really, from Genitive of participle ὄντος, being;

καθεξῆς, in an orderly way, from κατά, according to, and ἕξης, a course; ποῦ, where; αὐτοῦ, there.

Dative-Instrumental: κοινῇ, in common, publicly; παραχρῆμα, immediately (literally: at the business).

Locative: οἴκοι, at home

Accusative: πρῶτον, at first; δωρέαν, freely, πολὺ, much.

396. Adverbs in -ως. The adverbial ending most frequent is -ως. It may be compared to the English -ly. This -ως was usually formed from the ablative plural of the objective after the ν was dropped; e.g., ὅμοιος, like οἰμοίως, likewise. Some adverbs and adjectives occur in more than one form: from εὐθύς, straight, we have both εὐθύς and εὐθέως, immediately.

397. Adverbial Suffixes. Some suffixes were employed regularly to form adverbs with fixed meaning. A study of these will aid in vocabulary building.

-θι -θα (at the place), ἔνθα, ἐνταῦθα.

-θε (ν) (from, thence) ἐκεῖ, there ἐκεῖθεν, from there; οὐρανόθεν, from, heaven.

-δε (to where), ὧδε, to this place

-κις (times), πολλάκις, oftentimes; ποσάκις, how often.

-στι, τι (fashion), ἑλληνιστί, in Greek.

398. Comparison of Adverbs. Adverbs like adjectives are compared in the positive, comparative, and superlative degrees; e.g., easily, more easily, most easily.

The neuter accusative singular of the comparative adjective of the same root is usually the form of the comparative adverb, and the neuter accusative plural of the comparative adjective is the superlative.

<u>Positive</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
(μάλα) <u>very</u>	μᾶλλον, <u>more rather</u>	μάλιστα, <u>especially</u>
ἄνω, <u>up, high</u>	ἀνώτερον, <u>higher</u>	-----
πόρρω, <u>for, far off</u>	πορρώτερον, <u>further</u>	-----
-----	ὑστερον, <u>latter</u>	(ὑστατον)
ἀκριβῶς, <u>accurately</u>	ἀκριβέστερον, <u>more accurately</u>	-----
ταχέως, <u>quickly</u>	τάχιον, <u>more quickly</u> .	τάχιστα, <u>very most quickly</u>

But notice *περισσῶς*, exceedingly; *περισσότερως*, more abundantly.

399. Vocabulary.

ἀγαθός, good, (See Section 372)

ἀγνός, ἡ, ὄν, pure, holy

ἄνωθεν, from above, again

γαμίζω, I give in marriage

δεῦτε, “come”

ἐνθάδε, here

καλῶς, well, good

κεῖμαι, lie

μνημεῖον, ου, τό, tomb

περισσότερως, more abundantly,

See *περίσσοσ*

ταχύ, quickly

400. Exercises

I. Text A.

ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἄγγελος εἶπεν ταῖς γυναῖξιν, μὴ φοβεῖσθε ὑμεῖς. οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι Ἰησοῦν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον ζητεῖτε· οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε, ἠγέρθη γὰρ καθὼς εἶπεν· δεῦτε ἴδετε τὸν τόπον ὅπου ἔκειτο. καὶ ταχὺ πορευθεῖσαι εἶπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ ὅτι ἠγέρθη ἀπὸ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἰδοὺ προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε (<όράω). ἰδοὺ εἶπον ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀπελθοῦσαι ταχὺ ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου μετὰ φόβου καὶ χαρᾶς μεγάλης ἔδραμον (<τρέχω) ἀπαγγεῖλαι ταῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ. (After Matthew 28: 5 – 8)

II. Text B.

1. καὶ ὅσα ἐν Ἐφέσῳ διηκόνησεν, βέλτιον σὺ γινώσκεις.
2. ὅταν θέλητε δύνασθε αὐτοῖς εὖ ποιῆσαι.
3. λέγει αὐτῇ Ὑπαγε φώνησον τὸν ἄνδρα σου καὶ ἔλθ' ἐνθάδε.
4. διὰ τοῦτο δεῖ περισσοτέρως προσέχειν ἡμᾶς τοῖς ἀκουσθεῖσιν, μήποτε παραρῶμεν. (παραεῶ, I drive from).
5. σπουδαιοτέρως (σπουδαῖος, earnest) οὖν ἔπεμψα αὐτὸν ἵνα ἰδόντες αὐτὸν πάλιν χαρῆτε κἀγώ (Crisis for καὶ ἐγώ) ἀλυπότερος (ἀλυπος, without sorrow) ᾧ.
6. ὥστε καὶ ὁ γαμίζων τὴν ἑαυτοῦ παρθένον καλῶς ποιεῖ, καὶ ὁ μὴ γαμίζων κεῖσσον ποιήσει.
7. ἡ δὲ ἄνωθεν σοφία πρῶτον μὲν ἀνήγ' ἐστιν.
8. ἐρεῖ σοι· φίλε, προσανάβηθι (προσαναβαίνω, I go up to) ἀνώτερον (ἀνώτερος, upper, higher.)
9. τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί μου, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ. Phil. 3:1
[What a fitting final sentence to translate from the late Dr. J. W. Roberts!]

III. Translate.

1. First, go quickly and thank the ones doing well to you.
2. Let us announce to those here that he lay there.
3. The ones being given in marriage are better than the ones not being given.
4. John went up higher and saw what the angel showed him there.
5. Finally, to speak thus is better for me, for worse for you.

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