

Lesson # 9. Further notes on verb systems, etc., and a final note on tools

1. Regarding verbs and systems:

Earlier in the quarter we noted verb inflection, discussed mood and tense usage, observed what deponent and compound verbs are, as well as a few other verbal points. There are many other things in the verbal area but the final note for this course on verbs is the observation of a few verb systems beyond the normal pattern. I cannot go into detail on these (don't know enough!) but want you to know they exist and to be prepared to understand what they are if a reference point is made.

--Contract Verbs

These are sometimes called thematic verbs. The present stem will end with alpha, epsilon, or omicron. That final vowel will interact with the thematic vowel and the personal ending and contract into something else. Among these verbs are the verbs:

ἀγαπάω -love

λαλέω -speak

τιπρωόω -fulfill

ἐλεέω -have pity

θεωρέω -watch

εὐδοκέω -think well of.

The pronunciation is that of a-o, e-o, o-o. This occurs in the present system...some in the imperfect...but I think there is no value in showing you all of the contracting resultant vowels in this course.

--The μι verbs

These are sometimes called the "athematic" verbs but they are highly irregular as concerns the basic verbal system we have used. The major μι verbs are:

δίδωμι -give

ἵστημι -stand

τίθημι -put, place

Best advice on these is to know they are and to take the regular Greek course some time and to whip them into shape.