

Chapter 9

First Declension Feminine Nouns ending in -α

9.1 In chapter 8 we met First Declension Feminine nouns ending in -η. There are also some First Declension Feminine nouns which end in -α. They use the same endings in the plural, but vary slightly in the singular. The Definite Article keeps the forms we learned in Section 8.3

9.2 For nouns in -α, If the stem of the noun ends in a **vowel or a rho** the pattern is

	Singular	Plural
Nominative	STEM- α	STEM- αι
Accusative	STEM- αν	STEM- ας
Genitive	STEM- ας	STEM- ων
Dative	STEM- α	STEM- αις

Note that the Dative singular has a *iota*-subscript, and that the Genitive plural is -**ων**.

Note that the Genitive singular and the Accusative plural are identical. The rest of the sentence will show how the word functions in the sentence.

For καρδία (heart) this becomes

	Singular	Plural
Nom.	καρδία	καρδίαι
Acc.	καρδιαν	καρδίας
Gen.	καρδίας	καρδιων
Dat.	καρδία	καρδίαις

9.3 For nouns in -α, If the stem of the noun ends in a **consonant other than rho** the pattern is

	Singular	Plural
Nom.	STEM- α	STEM- αι
Acc.	STEM- αν	STEM- ας
Gen.	STEM- ης	STEM- ων
Dat.	STEM- η	STEM- αις

Note that the Dative singular has a *iota*-subscript, and that the Genitive plural is -**ων**.

Note also the change to an -η in the Genitive and Dative singular endings.

For δόξα (glory) this becomes

	Singular	Plural
Nom.	δόξα	δόξαι
Acc.	δόξαν	δόξας
Gen.	δόξης	δοξων
Dat.	δόξη	δόξαις

Practice - until you can read and translate easily

- αὐτὴ ἀναγινώσκει τὴν ἐπιστολὴν
τῆ ἐκκλησίᾳ. She reads the letter
to the congregation.
- οἱ Σαδδουκαῖοι ἀκούουσιν τὴν μαρτυρίαν
τῶν ἀποστόλων
ἀλλ' οὐ λαμβάνουσιν αὐτήν. The Sadducees hear the witness
of the apostles
but they do not accept it.
- ὁ Ἰησοῦς φανεροῖ τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ
καὶ τὴν ἐξουσίαν αὐτοῦ. Jesus reveals his glory
and his authority.
- ἔστιν τὸ πλοῖον ἐπὶ τῆ θαλάσσει ; Is the boat on the sea?

5. ζητεῖτε τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ;	Are you seeking the kingdom of heaven?
6. Ναί, ζητούμεν τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τὴν διακονίαν αὐτοῦ.	Yes, we are seeking the kingdom of God and his service.
7. ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκει τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἐν παραβολαῖς.	Jesus teaches the truth in parables.
8. ζητοῦμεν τὴν σοφίαν καὶ τὴν ἀλήθειαν.	We seek wisdom and truth.
9. ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς σοφίας ἐστίν.	The love of God is the beginning of wisdom.
10. ἔχουσιν τὰς ἐντολὰς τοῦ κυριοῦ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν ;	Do they have the commandments of God in their hearts?

9.4 Sentences for reading and translation

1. ζητοῦμεν τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τὴν εἰρήνην αὐτοῦ.
2. αὐτὴ ἀκούει τὴν φωνὴν τῆς ἀδελφῆς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ.
3. αὐταὶ βλέπουσιν τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τὴν δόξαν αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ;
4. ἡ διδασχὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἀγάπη ἐστίν.
5. τὰ ἔργα τοῦ διαβόλου ἀδικία καὶ ἁμαρτία εἰσίν.
6. ἡ ἐκκλησία καλεῖ καὶ παρακαλεῖ τὰς ἀδελφάς.
7. ἡ ἀδελφὴ διδάσκει τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἐν παραβολαῖς,
ὁ δὲ λαὸς ἐν τῇ συναγωγῇ οὐ λαμβάνει τὴν διδασχὴν αὐτῆς.
8. ἦσαν αἱ ἀδελφαὶ ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ ; Οὐ, αὐταὶ ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ ἦσαν.
9. ἡ γλῶσσα τῆς ἀδελφῆς λέγει λόγους τῆς σοφίας καὶ ἀληθείας.
10. τὰ ἔργα τοῦ διαβόλου ἁμαρτία καὶ ἀδικία εἰσίν,
ἀλλὰ τὰ ἔργα τοῦ θεοῦ εἰσιν ἀλήθεια καὶ δικαιοσύνη.

9.5 Writing Practice : Write the Greek, while saying aloud (Matt. 6:9-11)

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου, ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου, γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς. τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δός ἡμῖν σήμερον .	Our Father, the (one) in the heavens, let your name be sanctified, let your kingdom come, let your will / wish happen (come to pass), just as in heaven (so) also on earth. Our bread of / for the day give to us today,
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δός (give!) is an Imperative of δίδωμι - I give

9.6 New Testament Passages for reading and translation

Matthew 4:23, Matthew 6:33, Mark 12:30, 1 John 3:18, 2 John 1:1-3

In your Greek New Testament, read the passages aloud several times until you can read them without long pauses or stumbling. Then use the translation helps to translate them.

περιῆγεν	he went around
ὅλη τῇ Γαλιλαίᾳ	in the whole (of) Galilee
διδάσκων	teaching (a participle of διδάσκω - I teach)
κηρύσσων	preaching (a participle of κηρύσσω - I preach, proclaim)
θεραπεύων	healing (a participle of θεραπεύω - I heal)
πᾶσαν νόσον	every disease
πᾶσαν μαλακίαν	every sickness
ζητεῖτε	seek ! (an Imperative of ζητέω - I seek)
(the Imperative here has the same form as the 2nd person plural indicative active)	
πρῶτον	first

ταῦτα πάντα	all these (things)
προστεθήσεται	will be added
ὑμῖν	to you (<i>plural</i>)
ἀγαπήσεις	you shall love (<i>Future of ἀγαπάω - I love</i>)
ἐξ ὅλης	out of all = with all
ἢ διανοία	intelligence, mind, understanding
τῆς ἰσχύος	(of) the strength (<i>Genitive of ἡ ἰσχύς - strength</i>)
μὴ ἀγαπῶμεν	let us not love
μηδὲ	neither
ἐκλεκτῇ κυρία	to the elect lady
<i>(notice that these two words are in the Dative - this indicates the person to whom the letter is addressed. "κυρία" is the feminine form of "κυριός")</i>	
οὓς	whom (<i>plural</i>)
μόνος	alone, only
πάντες	every(one)
οἱ ἐγνωκότες	"(the ones) having known" = knowing, those who know
τὴν μένουσαν	remaining (<i>literally "having remained"</i>)
<i>("τὴν μένουσαν" is describing "τὴν ἀλήθειαν")</i>	
ἐν ἡμῖν	in us
μεθ' ἡμῶν	with us
<i>("μεθ'" is the form of "μετά" which comes before a vowel with a rough breathing)</i>	
ἔσται	it will be
εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα	to the (end of) the age
χάρις	grace (a gracious gift from God)
ἔλεος	mercy
τοῦ πατρὸς	the Father (<i>Genitive</i>)
παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ πατρὸς	from God (the) Father

9.7 Vocabulary to learn

ἡ ἀδικία	unrighteousness
ἡ ἀλήθεια	truth
ἡ ἁμαρτία	sin
ἡ βασιλεία	kingdom
ἡ γενεά	generation (<i>from γεννάω - I beget</i>)
ἡ διακονία	service (<i>from διακονέω - I serve, am of service to</i>)
ἡ ἐκκλησία	congregation, church (<i>people, not building</i>)
<i>(The members of an ἐκκλησία were called out of the secular world, into a fellowship of Christians)</i>	
ἡ ἐξουσία	authority, power
ἡ καρδία	heart (<i>hence words beginning with cardio-)</i>
ἡ μαρτυρία	witness (<i>from μαρτυρέω - I bear witness</i>)
ἡ οἰκία	house, household
<i>(there are two Greek words, both meaning "house, household" : ὁ οἶκος and ἡ οἰκία)</i>	
ἡ σοφία	wisdom
ἡ ἡμέρα	day
<i>(a Hemerocallis is a Daylily. Something ephemeral only lasts a few days)</i>	
ἡ ὥρα	hour
ἡ γλῶσσα	tongue (<i>hence "glossolalia" - speaking in tongues</i>)
ἡ δόξα	glory

ἡ θάλασσα	sea	
σήμερα	today	
διά, δι'	through, by means of	(with <i>Genitive</i>);
διά, δι'	on account of	(with <i>Accusative</i>)
μετά, μετ', μεθ'	with, among	(with <i>Genitive</i>)
μετά, μετ', μεθ'	after, behind	(with <i>Accusative</i>)
παρά	from, of	(with <i>Genitive</i>)
παρά	with, near	(with <i>Dative</i>)
παρά	beside, alongside	(with <i>Accusative</i>)

Do not worry about the various ways of translating prepositions (such as *διά, μετά, παρά, πρὸς*).
Use whichever translation best fits with the sense of the sentence.

We will have a whole chapter on prepositions later.