

LESSON FORTY

THE OPTATIVE MOOD

THE USE OF μή WHEN EXPECTING A NEGATIVE ANSWER

In this lesson we are going to study the last mood (OPTATIVE) as well as the special use of μή.

THE OPTATIVE MOOD

The last mood we are going to study is the OPTATIVE MOOD. This mood was prominent in the Classical Greek period, but was not in regular use in New Testament times. The OPTATIVE MOOD is used only 68 times in the New Testament.

DEFINITION

THE OPTATIVE MOOD EXPRESSES A WISH.

FORMS OF THE OPTATIVE MOOD

There are two forms of the Optative Mood that are necessary to know:

- 1) **γένοιτο** -
3rd person singular 2nd aorist middle deponent of **γίνομαι**
I become

- 2) **εἶη** -
3rd person singular present active optative of **εἰμί**
I am

The OPTATIVE MOOD is formed by adding IOTA (ι) or IOTA-ETA (ιη) to the variable vowel that connects the stem of the word to the personal ending.

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When a question was asked that expected a negative answer, the writer would use μή with the **indicative mood**.

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EXAMPLES OF THE OPTATIVE MOOD

Romans 3:3-4

3) τί γὰρ εἰ ἠπίστησαν τινες, μὴ ἡ ἀπιστία αὐτῶν
what for if disbelieved some, not the unbelief of them

τὴν πίστιν τοῦ θεοῦ καταργήσει
the faith of God shall annul?

NEG. 3P.SING.
PART. AOR.M.OPT.
4) μὴ γένοιτο· γινέσθω δὲ ὁ θεὸς ἀληθής, πᾶς δὲ
not may it be. let be but God true, every and

ἄνθρωπος ψεύστης,
man liar,

II Peter 1:2

3P.SING.
AOR.PASS.OPT.
χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη πληθυνθείη ἐν ἐπιγνώσει
grace to you and peace may be multiplied in knowledge

τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ Ἰησοῦ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν·
the God and Jesus the lord of us.

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EXERCISE ONE

PRONUNCIATION EXERCISES

Line 1: (1) ^{PREP.} ^{W/DAT.(18)} Ἐν ^{DAT.S.F.} ^{1 DEC.N.(14)} ἀρχῆ ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{2DEC.N.(12)} λόγος, ^{CONJ.} καὶ
In beginning was the word, and

Line 2: ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{2DEC.N.(12)} Λόγος ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{PREP.} ^{W/ACC.(18)} πρὸς ^{ACC.S.M.} ^{ART.(13)} τὸν ^{ACC.S.M.} ^{2DEC.N.(12)} Θεόν,
the Word was with the God,

Line 3: ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{2DEC.N.(12)} Θεὸς ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{2DEC.N.(12)} λόγος. (2) ^{NOM.S.M.} ^{DEM.PRO.(21)} οὗτος
and God was the word. this one

Line 4: ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} ἦν ^{PREP.} ^{W/DAT.(18)} ἐν ^{DAT.S.F.} ^{1DEC.N.(14)} ἀρχῆ ^{PREP.} ^{W/ACC.(18)} πρὸς ^{ACC.S.M.} ^{ART.(13)} τὸν ^{ACC.S.M.} ^{2DEC.N.(12)} Θεόν.
was in beginning with the God.

Line 5: (3) ^{NOM.PL.N.} ^{3DEC.ADJ.(56)} πάντα ^{PREP.} ^{W/GEN.(18)} δι' ^{GEN.SING.M.} ^{3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτοῦ ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} ἐγένετο, ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{PREP.} ^{W/GEN.(18)} χωρὶς
all things through him became, and without

Line 6: ^{GEN.SING.M.} ^{3P.PER.PRO.(20)} αὐτοῦ ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} ἐγένετο ^{ADV.(67)} οὐδὲ ^{ACC.N.} ^{NUM.(66)} ἓν ^{ACC.S.N.} ^{REL.PRO.(62)} ὃ ^{3PERS.SING.} ^{PERF.ACT.IND.(54)} γέγονεν.
him became not even one thing which has become.

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 7: (4) ^{PREP. W/DAT.(18)} **ἐν** ^{DAT.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} **αὐτῷ** ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)} **ζωῇ** ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} **ἦν,** ^{CONJ.} **καὶ** ^{NOM.S.F. ART.(13)} **ἡ** ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)} **ζωῇ**
in him life was, and the life

Line 8: ^{3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)} **ἦν** ^{NOM.S.N. ART.(13)} **τὸ** ^{NOM.S.N. 3DEC.N.(39)} **φῶς** ^{GEN.PL.M. ART.(13)} **τῶν** ^{GEN.PL.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} **ἀνθρώπων,**
was the light of the men,

Line 9: (5) ^{CONJ.} **καὶ** ^{NOM.S.N. ART.(13)} **τὸ** ^{NOM.S.N. 3DEC.N.(39)} **φῶς** ^{PREP. W/DAT.(18)} **ἐν** ^{DAT.S.F. ART.(13)} **τῇ** ^{DAT.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} **σκοτίᾳ**
and the light in the darkness

Line 10: ^{3 PERS.SING. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)} **φαίνει,** ^{CONJ.} **καὶ** ^{NOM.S.F. ART.(13)} **ἡ** ^{NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} **σκοτία** ^{ACC.S.N. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} **αὐτὸ** ^{PARTICLE} **οὐ**
shines, and the darkness it not

Line 11: ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)} **κατέλαβεν.** (6) ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} **Ἐγένετο** ^{NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} **ἄνθρωπος** ^{NOM.SING.M. PERF.PASS.PART.(55)} **ἀπεσταλμένος**
overtake. Became man having been sent

Line 12: ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} **παρὰ** ^{GEN.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)} **Θεοῦ,** ^{NOM.S.N. 3DEC.N.(40)} **ὄνομα** ^{DAT.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)} **αὐτῷ** ^{NOM.S.M. 1DEC.N.(30)} **Ἰωάννης.** (7) ^{NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)} **οὗτος**
from God, name to him John. this one

Line 13: ^{3PERS.SING. 2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)} **ἦλθεν** ^{PREP. W/ACC.(18)} **εἰς** ^{ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)} **μαρτυρίαν,** ^{CONJ.} **ἵνα** ^{3PERS.SING. AOR.ACT.SUBJ.(48)} **μαρτυρήσῃ** ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} **περὶ**
came for a testimony, that he might testify concerning

Line 14: ^{GEN.S.N. ART.(13)} **τοῦ** ^{GEN.S.N. 3DEC.N.(39)} **φωτός,** ^{CONJ.} **ἵνα** ^{NOM.PL.M. 3DEC.ADJ.(56)} **πάντες** ^{3PERS.PL. AOR.ACT.SUBJ.(48)} **πιστεύσωσι** ^{PREP. W/GEN.(18)} **δι'**
the light, that all might believe through

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 15: <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ. (8) ^{PARTICLE} οὐκ <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν <sup>NOM.S.M.
DEM.PRO.(22)</sup> ἐκεῖνος <sup>NOM.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>NOM.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> φῶς,
him. not was that one the light,

Line 16: ^{CONJ.} ἀλλ' ^{CONJ.} ἵνα <sup>3PERS.SING.
AOR.ACT.SUBJ.(48)</sup> μαρτυρήσῃ <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> περὶ <sup>GEN.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τοῦ <sup>GEN.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> φωτός.
but that he might testify concerning the light.

Line 17: (9) <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν <sup>NOM.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>NOM.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> φῶς <sup>NOM.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸ <sup>NOM.S.N.
ADJ.(16)</sup> ἀληθινόν, <sup>NOM.S.N.
REL.PRO.(62)</sup> ὃ
He was the light the true, which

Line 18: <sup>3 PERS. SING.
PRES.ACT.IND.(10)</sup> φωτίζει <sup>ACC.S.M.
3DEC.ADJ.(56)</sup> πάντα <sup>ACC.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> ἄνθρωπον <sup>ACC.SING.M.
PRES.MID.PART.(42)</sup> ἐρχόμενον <sup>PREP.
W/ACC.(18)</sup> εἰς
enlightens every man coming into

Line 19: <sup>ACC.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> τὸν <sup>ACC.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμον. (10) <sup>PREP.
W/DAT.(18)</sup> ἐν <sup>DAT.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> τῷ <sup>DAT.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμῳ <sup>3PERS.SING.
IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</sup> ἦν, ^{CONJ.} καὶ
the world. in the world he was, and

Line 20: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> ὁ <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμος <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> δι' <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτοῦ <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.MID.IND.(36)</sup> ἐγένετο, ^{CONJ.} καὶ
the world through him became, and

Line 21: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> ὁ <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> κόσμος <sup>ACC.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> αὐτὸν ^{PARTICLE} οὐκ <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> ἔγνω. (11) <sup>PREP.
W/ACC.(18)</sup> εἰς
the world him not knew. into

Line 22: <sup>ACC.PL.N.
ART.(13)</sup> τὰ <sup>ACC.PL.N.
ADJ.(17)</sup> ἴδια <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> ἦλθε, ^{CONJ.} καὶ <sup>NOM.PL.M.
ART.(13)</sup> οἱ <sup>NOM.PL.M.
ADJ.(17)</sup> ἴδιοι
the things his own he came, and the ones his own

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 23: <sup>ACC.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> **αὐτὸν** ^{PARTICLE} **οὐ** <sup>3PERS.PL.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> **παρέλαβον.** (12) <sup>NOM.PL.M.
REL.PRO.(62)</sup> **ὅσοι** ^{CONJ.} **δὲ** <sup>3PERS.PL.
2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</sup> **ἔλαβον**
him not they received. as many as but received

Line 24: <sup>ACC.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> **αὐτόν,** <sup>3PERS.SING.
AOR.ACT.IND.(64)</sup> **ἔδωκεν** <sup>DAT.PL.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> **αὐτοῖς** <sup>ACC.S.F.
1DEC.N.(15)</sup> **ἐξουσίαν** <sup>NOM.PL.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> **τέκνα** <sup>GEN.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> **Θεοῦ**
him, He gave to them authority children of God

Line 25: ^{AOR.MID.INF.(50)} **γενέσθαι,** <sup>DAT.PL.M.
ART.(13)</sup> **τοῖς** <sup>3 PERS.PL.
PRES.ACT.IND.(10)</sup> **πιστεύουσιν** <sup>PREP.
W/ACC.(18)</sup> **εἰς** <sup>ACC.S.N.
ART.(13)</sup> **τὸ** <sup>ACC.S.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> **ὄνομα**
to become, to the ones believing into the name

Line 26: <sup>GEN.SING.M.
3P.PER.PRO.(20)</sup> **αὐτοῦ·** (13) <sup>NOM.PL.M.
REL.PRO.(62)</sup> **οἱ** ^{PARTICLE} **οὐκ** <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> **ἐξ** <sup>GEN.PL.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> **αἱμάτων,** ^{ADV.(67)} **οὐδὲ**
of him; who not out of bloods, neither

Line 27: <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> **ἐκ** <sup>GEN.SING.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> **θελήματος** <sup>GEN.S.F.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> **σαρκός,** ^{ADV.(67)} **οὐδὲ** <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> **ἐκ** <sup>GEN.SING.N.
3DEC.N.(40)</sup> **θελήματος**
out of will of flesh, nor out of will

Line 28: <sup>GEN.S.M.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> **ἀνδρός** ^{CONJ.} **ἀλλ’** <sup>PREP.
W/GEN.(18)</sup> **ἐκ** <sup>GEN.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> **Θεοῦ** <sup>3PERS.PL.
AOR.PASS.IND.(37)</sup> **ἐγεννήθησαν.** (14) ^{CONJ.} **Καὶ**
of man, but out of God were born. And

Line 29: <sup>NOM.S.M.
ART.(13)</sup> **ὁ** <sup>NOM.S.M.
2DEC.N.(12)</sup> **λόγος** <sup>NOM.S.N.
3DEC.N.(39)</sup> **σὰρξ** <sup>3PERS.SING.
2AOR.MID.IND.(36)</sup> **ἐγένετο,** ^{CONJ.} **καὶ** <sup>3PERS.SING.
AOR.ACT.IND.(33)</sup> **ἐσκήνωσεν**
the word flesh became, and tabernacled

Line 30: <sup>PREP.
W/DAT.(18)</sup> **ἐν** <sup>DAT.PL.
1P.PER.PRO.(19)</sup> **ἡμῖν,** ^{CONJ.} **καὶ** <sup>1PERS.PL.
AOR.MID.IND.(34)</sup> **ἐθεασάμεθα** <sup>ACC.S.F.
ART.(13)</sup> **τὴν** <sup>ACC.S.F.
1DEC.N.(15)</sup> **δόξαν**
among us, and we beheld the glory

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 31:	<small>GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)</small> αὐτοῦ, of him,	<small>ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)</small> δόξαν glory	<small>CONJ.</small> ὡς as	<small>GEN.SING.M. 3DEC.ADJ.(57)</small> μονογενοῦς of only begotten	<small>PREP. W/GEN.(18)</small> παρὰ from	<small>GEN.S.M. 3DEC.N.(39)</small> Πατρός, father,	
Line 32:	<small>NOM.S.M. 3DEC.ADJ.(57)</small> πλήρης full	<small>GEN.S.F. 3DEC.N.(39)</small> χάριτος of grace	<small>CONJ.</small> καὶ and	<small>GEN.SING.F. 1DEC.N.(15)</small> ἀληθείας. truth.	(15)	<small>NOM.S.M. 1DEC.N.(30)</small> Ἰωάννης John	
Line 33:	<small>3PERS.SING. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)</small> μαρτυρεῖ testifies	<small>PREP. W/GEN.(18)</small> περὶ concerning	<small>GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)</small> αὐτοῦ, him,	<small>CONJ.</small> καὶ and	<small>3PERS.SING. PERF.ACT.IND.(54)</small> κέκραγε has cried	<small>NOM.SING.M. PRES.ACT.PART.(41)</small> λέγων, saying,	
Line 34:	<small>NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)</small> Οὗτος This One	<small>3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</small> ἦν was	<small>ACC.S.M. REL.PRO.(62)</small> ὃν whom	<small>1PERS.SING. 2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</small> εἶπον, I said,	<small>NOM.S.M. ART.(13)</small> ὁ the One	<small>GEN.SING. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)</small> ὀπίσω μου after me	
Line 35:	<small>NOM.SING.M. PRES.MID.PART.(42)</small> ἐρχόμενος coming	<small>PREP. W/GEN.(18)</small> ἔμπροσθέν before	<small>GEN.SING. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)</small> μου me	<small>3PERS.SING. PERF.ACT.IND.(54)</small> γέγονεν· has become;	<small>CONJ.</small> ὅτι because		
Line 36:	<small>NOM.S.M. ADJ.(16)</small> πρώτος first	<small>GEN.SING. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)</small> μου of me	<small>3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)</small> ἦν. he was.	(16)	<small>CONJ.</small> καὶ and	<small>PREP. W/GEN.(18)</small> ἐκ out of	<small>GEN.S.N. ART.(13)</small> τοῦ the
Line 37:	<small>GEN.SING.N. 3DEC.N.(40)</small> πληρώματος fullness	<small>GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)</small> αὐτοῦ of him	<small>NOM.PL. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)</small> ἡμεῖς ourselves	<small>NOM.PL.M. 3DEC.ADJ.(56)</small> πάντες all	<small>1PERS.PL. 2AOR.ACT.IND.(35)</small> ἐλάβομεν, we received,		
Line 38:	<small>CONJ.</small> καὶ and	<small>ACC.S.F. 3DEC.N.(39)</small> χάριν grace	<small>PREP. W/GEN.(18)</small> ἀντὶ succeeding	<small>GEN.SING.F. 3DEC.NOUN.(39)</small> χάριτος. grace.	(17)	<small>CONJ.</small> ὅτι because	<small>NOM.S.M. ART.(13)</small> ὁ the

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 39: ^{NOM.S.M.}_{2DEC.N.(12)} νόμος ^{PREP.}_{W/GEN.(18)} διὰ ^{GEN.S.M.}_{PROP.NM.(65)} Μωσέως ^{3PERS.SING.}_{AOR.PASS.IND.(64)} ἐδόθη, ^{NOM.S.F.}_{ART.(13)} ἡ ^{NOM.S.F.}_{3DEC.N.(39)} χάρις
law through Moses was given, the grace

Line 40: ^{CONJ.} καὶ ^{NOM.S.F.}_{ART.(13)} ἡ ^{NOM.S.F.}_{1DEC.N.(15)} ἀλήθεια ^{PREP.}_{W/GEN.(18)} διὰ ^{GEN.SING.M.}_{PROP.NM.(65)} Ἰησοῦ ^{GEN.SING.M.}_{2DEC.N.(12)} Χριστοῦ
and the truth through Jesus Christ

Line 41: ^{3PERS.SING.}_{2AOR.MID.IND.(36)} ἐγένετο. (18) ^{ACC.S.M.}_{2DEC.N.(12)} Θεὸν ^{NOM.S.M.}_{NUM.(66)} οὐδεὶς ^{3PERS.SING.}_{PERF.ACT.IND.(54)} ἑώρακε <sup>ADV.(67) πώποτε·
became. God no one has seen at any time;</sup>

Line 42: ^{NOM.S.M.}_{ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.S.M.}_{3DEC.ADJ.(57)} μονογενῆς ^{NOM.S.M.}_{2DEC.N.(12)} υἱός, ^{NOM.S.M.}_{ART.(13)} ὁ ^{NOM.SING.M.}_{PRES.ACT.PART.(41)} ὢν ^{PREP.}_{W/ACC.(18)} εἰς ^{ACC.S.M.}_{ART.(13)} τὸν
the only begotten son, the one being into the

Line 43: ^{ACC.S.M.}_{2DEC.N.(12)} κόλπον ^{GEN.S.M.}_{ART.(13)} τοῦ ^{GEN.S.M.}_{3DEC.N.(39)} Πατρός, ^{NOM.S.M.}_{DEM.PRO.(22)} ἐκεῖνος ^{3PERS.SING.}_{AOR.MID.IND.(34)} ἐξηγήσατο.
bosom of the Father, that one declared (Him).

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