

The **definite article** that goes with neuter nouns is declined as follows:

Singular	N.	το	Plural	N.	τα
	A.	το		A.	τα
	G.	του		G.	των
	D.	τω		D.	τοις

That is to say, the definite article follows the endings of *ἔργον* exactly, except for the nominative and accusative singular, which are *το*, not *τον*. (*τον* is accusative *masculine*.)

Neuter plural subjects

There is one exception to the rule that verbs agree with their subject in number. **Neuter plural subjects are followed by singular verbs.** In other words neuter plural subjects are treated as though they were singular collective nouns,

e.g. *τα παιδιά εύρισκει τα βιβλία* The children find the books.

This rule is not kept very strictly (especially when the subjects concerned are persons), but it should always be followed by a student when translating into Greek.

EXERCISE 7

A

1. Οἱ Φαρισαῖοι τοῦ συνεδρίου μισοῦσιν τὸν Ἰησοῦν. 2. τὰ δαιμόνια γινώσκει τὸν Χριστὸν καὶ ἔχει φόβον. 3. οἱ ἀποστόλοι λαλοῦσιν τὸ εὐαγγέλιον κυρίοις καὶ δούλοις. 4. τηροῦμεν τὰ σαββάτα. 5. οἱ διδασκαλοὶ λαλοῦσιν τοῖς τέκνοις τὰ μυστήρια τῶν οὐρανῶν. 6. οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἔχουσιν πρόβατα καὶ πλοῖον. 7. θεωρεῖς τὸ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ πρόσωπον; 8. οἱ δούλοι λαμβανοῦσιν τὰ δένδρα τῷ Ἰακώβῳ. 9. ὁ ἀδελφὸς ζητεῖ τὸ τοῦ παιδιοῦ μνημεῖον. 10. ποιεῖτε τὰ ἔργα τοῦ διαβόλου. 11. οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι γραφοῦσιν βιβλία. 12. βλέπομεν τὰ σημεῖα τῶν καιρῶν. 13. εύρισκει ἀργύριον. 14. οἱ διακονοὶ τηροῦσιν τὰ ποτήρια τοῦ ἱεροῦ ἱεροσολυμῶν. 15. παρθένος ποιεῖ ἱμάτιον τῷ Ἰησοῦ; 16. τὸ μυστήριον εὐαγγέλιον ἐστίν.

B

In this and subsequent exercises, the student is free to translate 'you' as either singular or plural, unless the number is determined by the context.

1. Christ blesses the cup of wine and the bread. 2. Do you know the signs of the Son of Man? 3. The Lord saves men and children. 4. The children ask the elders for garments.¹ 5. Do you see the sheep? 6. We bear witness to the gospel of God. 7. The Jews love the sabbath and Jerusalem. 8. Angels see the face of God. 9. Do the demons love the tombs? 10. The Sanhedrin judges sinners. 11. Children know the mysteries of heaven. 12. Jesus sends the boat. 13. We love the temple's books. 14. We see a place of trees. 15. God hates the works of the devil and of sinners. 16. Have the apostles money? 17. The Sabbath is the sign of God.

¹ 'Ask for' takes a double accusative. The object asked-for and the person from whom it is asked are both put in the accusative case.

LESSON 8

First Declension feminine nouns in -η

There are three closely related forms of the First Declension feminine. An example of the first is *ἀρχή* 'beginning':

Singular	N.V.	ἀρχή	Plural	N.V.	ἀρχαί
	A.	ἀρχήν		A.	ἀρχάς
	G.	ἀρχῆς		G.	ἀρχῶν
	D.	ἀρχῇ		D.	ἀρχαῖς

The **definite article** which goes with all feminine nouns is declined thus:

Singular	N.	ἡ	Plural	N.	αἱ
	A.	τήν		A.	τάς
	G.	τῆς		G.	τῶν
	D.	τῇ		D.	ταῖς

That is to say, it follows the endings of *ἀρχή* exactly.