

# Aorist Middle Verbs

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Aorist and the Middle Voice

- 1st aorist middle verbs are much like their active counterparts
  - Augment as sign of past time
  - $\sigma$  tense indicator
  - $\alpha$  connecting vowel
- Endings are similar to Present Middle



# Secondary Middle/Passive Endings

	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> person	-μην	-μεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	-σο	-σθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	-το	-ντο



# 1<sup>st</sup> Aorist Middle Endings

	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> person	-αμην	-αμεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	-ω	-ασθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	-ατο	-αντο



# 1<sup>st</sup> Aorist Middle Examples

	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> person	ἐλύσαμην	ἐλύσαμεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	ἐλύσω	ἐλύσασθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	ἐλύσατο	ἐλύσαντο



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Aorist and the Middle Voice

- Likewise, the 2<sup>nd</sup> aorist features continue in the middle voice
  - Augment indicating past time
  - Stem change
    - instead of the  $\sigma$  tense indicator
  - Connecting vowel is  $o$  or  $\epsilon$
- Endings identical to the 1st aorist middle



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1 <sup>st</sup> person	-μην	-μεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	-σο	-σθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	-το	-ντο



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Aorist Middle Endings

	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> person	-ομην	-ομεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	-ου	-εσθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	-ετο	-οντο





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Aorist Middle Examples

	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> person	ἐλάβομην	ἐλάβομεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	ἐλάβου	ἐλαβεσθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	ἐλαβετο	ἐλάβοντο



# Predictable Changes

Present	Aor. mid. Components	Aor. mid. form	Translation	Comments
βλεπω	ἐ + βλεπ + σ + α + μην	ἐβλεψαμην	I saw myself	Labial stop (π) combined with σ tense marker.
δραω	ἐ + ιδο + - + ο + μην	εἶδομην	I saw myself	Completely different word ἰδω used to provide 2 <sup>nd</sup> aorist stem.
προσευχομαι	προσ + ε + ευχ + σ + α + μην	προσηυξαμην	I prayed	Palatal stop (χ) combined with σ tense marker.  Augment lengthens initial ε and comes after prepositional prefix.



# Personal Endings

## Active Voice

### Primary Endings

-

-ς

-ι

-μεν

-τε

-νσι(ν)

### Secondary Endings

-ν

-ς

-(ν)

-μεν

-τε

-ν

## Middle Voice

-μαι

-σαι

-ται

-μεθα

-σθε

-νται

-μην

-σο

-το

-μεθα

-σθε

-ντο



# Keep Learning

- You can learn more about the middle voice of aorist verbs here:
  - Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> aorist active and middle, 22.1-22.17 (pp. 195-9), 22.19 (pp. 201-2)
    - 1<sup>st</sup> aorist active and middle, 23.1-23.20 (pp. 204-9)
  - Wallace, *Basics of New Testament Syntax* (1<sup>st</sup> edition)
    - "Voice," middle, pp. 183-186

