# The myth of Tantalus

**The myth of Tantalus** is about the punishment of Tantalus by the Gods and it is associated with many other myths in Greek mythology referring to heroes, that were punished by the Gods for their behavior or crimes.

According to the myth, **Tantalus** was one of the residents of the deepest portion of the Underworld known as Tartarus, where most people were some sort of evildoers.

Tantalus was also punished with the so called eternal punishment, like  [**Sisyphus**](http://www.greekmyths-greekmythology.com/the-myth-of-sisyphus), where he was condemned to stand in a lake with fruits, but without being able to satisfy his thirst or his hunger.

### Family Tree of Tantalus

* Zeus was the father of Tantalus
* Pluto was the mother of Tantalus. Pluto was an Oceanid, the daughter of Himas
* Dione was the wife of Tantalus
* Tantalus and Dione had 3 children: Niobe, Broteas and Pelops