

BIBLICAL READINGS
supplement to Shelmerdine
Chapter 6

A. The opening of the book of Genesis:

ἐν ἀρχῇ ἐποίησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν. (LXX Gen. 1.1)
ἀρχή --ῆς ἡ "beginning" ποιέω "make" Θεός -οῦ ὁ "God" οὐρανός -οῦ ὁ "heaven"

B. The beginning of the second account of creation in Genesis:

Αὕτη ἡ βίβλος γενέσεως οὐρανοῦ καὶ γῆς, ὅτε ἐγένετο, ἧ ἡμέρα ἐποίησε Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν (LXX Gen. 2.4)
Αὕτη "This (is)" γενέσεως "of the creation" (gen.) ὅτε ἐγένετο "when the creation happened" ἧ ἡμέρα "on which day"

C. The heavenly host sings upon the announcement of Christ's birth:

Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις θεῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνη ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκίας. (Luke 2.14)
ἐν ὑψίστοις "in the highest" ἐπί + gen "on" εὐδοκία -ας ἡ "good will"

D. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns of false prophets:

οὕτως πᾶν δένδρον ἀγαθὸν καρποὺς καλοὺς ποιεῖ, τὸ δὲ σαπρὸν δένδρον καρποὺς πονηροὺς ποιεῖ (Matt. 7.17)
οὕτως "in this way," πᾶν... ἀγαθὸν "each...good" (neut nom. sig), καλός "good, pretty," ποιεῖ "produces," δὲ "and, but," σαπρὸν "rotten" (neut nom. sig), πονηρός "bad, wicked"

E. John speaks of Christian love:

ἐγνώκαμεν καὶ πεπιστεύκαμεν τὴν ἀγάπην ἣν ἔχει ὁ θεὸς ἐν ἡμῖν. (1 John 4.16)
ἔγνωκα (perfect of γινώσκω "recognize") "know," ἀγάπη -ης ἡ "love" ἣν "which" ἡμῖν "us" (dat.)