

ἐπισκέπτομαι – to visit, care for

[Fri] ἐπισκέπτομαι 1aor. ἐπεσκεψάμην; (1) as looking after the sick *visit, go to help, look after* ([MT 25.36](#)); (2) as responsible ministry to someone *seek out, visit* ([AC 15.36](#)); (3) as finding a suitable person for an official position *choose, select, look for* ([AC 6.3](#)); (4) of God's gracious oversight of his people *visit, come to help* ([LU 1.68](#)); *be concerned about, show care for* ([AC 15.14](#))

[UBS] ἐπισκέπτομαι visit, care for, be concerned about; pick out, look for ([Ac 6.3](#)); perhaps rise upon ([Lk 1.78](#))

[LN] ἐπισκέπτομαι (a) select carefully 30.102 (b) visit 34.50 (c) take care of 35.39 (d) be present 85.11

30.102 ἐπισκέπτομαι: to choose or select on the basis of having investigated carefully - 'to select carefully, to choose after careful investigation.' ἐπισκέψασθε δέ, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἑπτὰ πλήρεις πνεύματος 'so then, fellow believers, carefully select seven men among you who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit' [Ac 6.3](#).

34.50 ὀράω ; θεάομαι ; ἐπισκέπτομαι: to go to see a person on the basis of friendship and with helpful intent - 'to visit, to go to see.' ὀράω: μεθ' οὗ ἂν τάχιον ἔρχηται ὄψομαι ὑμᾶς 'if he comes soon enough, I will have him with me when I visit you' [He 13.23](#). θεάομαι: ἐλπίζω γὰρ διαπορευόμενος θεάσασθαι ὑμᾶς 'for I hope to visit you on my way' [Ro 15.24](#). ἐπισκέπτομαι: καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκεψασθέ με 'and in prison and you did not visit me' [Mt 25.43](#). For another interpretation of ἐπισκέπτομαι in [Mt 25.43](#), see 35.39.

35.39 ἐπισκοπέω ; ἐπισκέπτομαι ; προνοέω: to care for or look after, with the implication of continuous responsibility - 'to look after, to take care of, to see to.' ἐπισκοπέω: ἐπισκοποῦντες μή τις ὑστερῶν ἀπὸ τῆς χάριτος τοῦ θεοῦ 'see to it that no one lacks the benefits of God's kindness' [He 12.15](#). For another interpretation of ἐπισκοπέω in [He 12.15](#), see 30.46. ἐπισκέπτομαι: ἀσθενῆς καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκεψασθέ με 'I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me' [Mt 25.43](#). It is also possible to understand ἐπισκέπτομαι in [Mt 25.43](#) as meaning 'to visit' (see 34.50). πρῶτον ὁ θεὸς ἐπεσκεψάτο λαβεῖν ἐξ ἔθνων λαὸν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ 'God first showed his care for the Gentiles by taking from among them a people for himself' [Ac 15.14](#). προνοέω: εἰ δέ τις τῶν ἰδίων καὶ μάλιστα οἰκείων οὐ προνοεῖ, τὴν πίστιν ἤρηται 'if someone does not take care of his relatives, especially the members of his family, he has denied the faith' [1 Tm 5.8](#).

85.11 ἐπισκέπτομαι: to be present, with the implication of concern - 'to be present to help, to be on hand to aid.' ἐπεσκεψάτο ὁ θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ 'God has come to help his people' [Lk 7.16](#).

[Thayer] ἐπισκέπτομαι; future 3 person singular ἐπισκέψεται, [Luke 1:78](#) Tr marginal reading WH; 1 aorist ἐπεσκεψάμην; from Herodotus down; the Septuagint often for ἑρεῖα; *to look upon or after, to inspect, examine with the eyes*; a. τινα, in order to see how he is, i. e. *to visit, go to see one*: [Acts 7:23](#); [15:36](#), ([Judg. 15:1](#)); the poor and afflicted, [James 1:27](#); the sick, [Matt. 25:36,43](#), ([Sir. 7:35](#); Xenophon, mem. 3, 11, 10; Plutarch, mor., p. 129 c. (de sanitate praecept. 15 at the beginning); Lucian, philops. 6, and in medical writers). b. Hebraistically, *to look upon in order to help or to benefit*, equivalent to *to look after, have a care for, provide for*, of God: τινα, [Luke 7:16](#); [Heb. 2:6](#) ([Gen. 21:1](#); [Exo. 4:31](#); [Ps. 8:5](#); [79:15](#) ([Ps. 80:15](#)); [Sir. 46:14](#); [Jud. 8:33](#), etc.); followed by a telic infinitive [Acts 15:14](#); absolutely ([Sir. 32:21](#) ([Sir. 35:21](#))) yet with a statement of the effect and definite blessing added, [Luke 1:68](#); ἐπεσκεψάτο (WH Tr marginal reading ἐπισκέψεται) ἡμᾶς ἀνατολή ἐξ ὕψους a light from on high hath looked (others, shall look) upon us (cf. our *the sun looks down on us*, etc.), i. e. salvation from God has come to us, [Luke 1:78](#). (In the O. T. used also in a bad sense of God as punishing, [Ps. 88:33](#) ([Ps. 89:33](#)); [Jer. 9:25](#); [11:22](#), etc.) c. *to look (about) for, look out* (one to choose, employ, etc.): [Acts 6:3](#).*

[LEH] ἐπισκέπτομαι⁺ - V 58-40-28-18-24-168 - [Gn 21,1](#); [50,24,25](#); [Ex 3,16](#); [4,31](#) - *to visit, to look sb up* [τινα] [Gn 21,1](#); *to look upon or at* [τινα] [Ex 3,16](#); *to inspect, to examine* [abs.] [Lv 13,36](#); *id.* [τι] [Ex 3,16](#); *to consider, take into account* [τινα] [Nm 1,3](#); *to seem, to be deemed as* [Ezr 5,17](#); *to number* [τινα] [1 Sm 15,4](#) - *[Nm 16,5](#) ἐπέσκεπται *he has visited* -רָבַח (pi.) *to visit* for MT רָבַח *morning*; *[Neh 12,42](#) καὶ ἐπεσκεπήσαν *and were numbered* -רָבַח for MT רָבַח *the leader* - see ἐπισκοπέω - Cf. GEHMAN 1972, 197-207; HARL 1986^a, 186; →NIDNTT; TWNT

[GING] ἐπισκέπτομαι—1. *look for, select* [Ac 6:3](#).—2. *go to see, visit* [Mt 25:36](#); [Ac 7:23](#); [15:36](#); *look after* [Js 1:27](#).—3. *visit for the purpose of bringing salvation* [Lk 1:68](#); [7:16](#); *be concerned about* [Ac 15:14](#). [pg 75]

Matthew 25:36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
γυμνὸς καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἡσθένησα καὶ ἐπεσκεψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῇ ἦμην καὶ ἦλθατε πρός με.

Matthew 25:43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

ξένος ἦμην καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνὸς καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενῆς καὶ ἐν φυλακῇ καὶ οὐκ ἐπεσκεψασθέ με.

Luke 1:68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,

Εὐλογητὸς κύριος ὁ θεὸς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο καὶ ἐποίησεν λύτρωσιν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ,

Luke 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

διὰ σπλάγχχνα ἐλέους θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ἐν οἷς ἐπισκέπεται ἡμᾶς ἀνατολὴ ἐξ ὕψους,

Luke 7:16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

Ἐλαβεν δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν θεὸν λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἠγέρθη ἐν ἡμῖν καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

Acts 6:3 "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

ἐπισκεψασθε δέ, ἀδελφοί, ἀνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσομεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης,

Acts 7:23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

Ὡς δὲ ἐπληροῦτο αὐτῷ τεσσαρακοινταετῆς χρόνος, ἀνέβη ἐπὶ τὴν καρδίαν αὐτοῦ ἐπισκέψασθαι τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραήλ.

Acts 15:14 "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

Συμεὼν ἐξηγήσατο καθὼς πρῶτον ὁ θεὸς ἐπεσκέψατο λαβεῖν ἐξ ἐθνῶν λαὸν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

Acts 15:36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see how they are doing.*"

Μετὰ δὲ τινος ἡμέρας εἶπεν πρὸς Βαρναβᾶν Παῦλος· ἐπιστρέψαντες δὴ ἐπισκεψώμεθα τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς κατὰ πόλιν πᾶσαν ἐν αἷς κατηγγείλαμεν τὸν λόγον τοῦ κυρίου πῶς ἔχουσιν.

Hebrews 2:6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?"

διεμαρτύρατο δὲ πού τις λέγων· τί ἐστὶν ἄνθρωπος ὅτι μιμηθήσκη αὐτοῦ, ἢ υἱὸς ἀνθρώπου ὅτι ἐπισκέπη αὐτόν;

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

θρησκεία καθαρὰ καὶ ἀμίαντος παρὰ τῷ θεῷ καὶ πατρὶ αὕτη ἐστίν, ἐπισκέπτεσθαι ὀρφανοὺς καὶ χήρας ἐν τῇ θλίψει αὐτῶν, ἄσπιλον ἑαυτὸν τηρεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ κόσμου.