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ABOUT A TYPE MODAL CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE EDIFYING GOSPEL BY
CONSTANTINE OF PRES LAV

(Summary)

The paper discusses the autonomous existence of the construction Modal Verb + Dative + Infinitive (MV + D + I) in the Old Bulgarian language. The analysis is based on ten verses from the Edifying Gospel by Constantine of Preslav which contain constructions with the modal verbs *имѣти*, *достоѣти* / *добѣлѣти* and *подобѣти*. The comparison of the Old Bulgarian and the Greek texts, as well as an additional example from Lithuanian show that this construction is a characteristic syntactic feature inherited in Old Bulgarian from the Proto Indo-European language.