

taste death at all.' 53 You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died, are you? Also, the prophets died. Who do you claim to be?" 54 Jesus answered: "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father that glorifies me, he who YOU say is YOUR God; 55 and yet YOU have not known him. But I know him. And if I said I do not know him I should be like YOU, a liar. But I do know him and am observing his word. 56 Abraham YOUR father rejoiced greatly in the prospect of seeing my day, and he saw it and rejoiced." 57 Therefore the Jews said to him: "You are not yet fifty years old, and still you have seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them: "Most truly I say to YOU, Before Abraham came into existence, I have been."^o 59 Therefore they picked up stones to hurl [them] at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple.

9 Now as he was passing along he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered: "Neither this man sinned nor his parents, but it was in order that the works of God might be made manifest in his case. 4 We must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the world's light." 6 After he said these things, he spit on the ground and made a clay with the saliva, and put his clay upon the [man's] eyes 7 and said to him: "Go wash in the pool of Si-lo'am"^a (which is translated 'Sent forth'). And so he went off and washed, and came back seeing.

8 Therefore the neighbors and those who formerly used to see he was a beggar began to say: "This is the man that used to sit and beg, is it not?" 9 Some would say: "This is he." Others would say: "Not at all, but he is like him." The man would say: "I am he." 10 Consequently they began to say to him: "How, then, were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered: "The man called Jesus made a clay and

smear[ed] [it] on my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Si-lo'am^a and wash.' I therefore went and washed and gained sight." 12 At this they said to him: "Where is that [man]?" He said: "I do not know."

13 They led the once-blind man himself to the Pharisees. 14 Incidentally it was Sabbath on the day that Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 This time, therefore, the Pharisees also took up asking him how he gained sight. He said to them: "He put a clay upon my eyes, and I washed and have sight." 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees began to say: "This is not a man from God, because he does not observe the Sabbath." Others began to say: "How can a man that is a sinner perform signs of that sort?" So there was a division among them. 17 Hence they said to the blind man again: "What do you say about him, seeing that he opened your eyes?" The [man] said: "He is a prophet."

18 However, the Jews did not believe concerning him that he had been blind and had gained sight, until they called the parents of the man that gained sight. 19 And they asked them: "Is this YOUR son who YOU say was born blind? How, then, is it he sees at present?" 20 Then in answer his parents said: "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how it is he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. Ask him. He is of age. He must speak for himself." 22 His parents said these things because they were in fear of the Jews, for the Jews had already come to an agreement that, if anyone confessed him as Christ, he should get expelled from the synagogue. 23 This is why his parents said: "He is of age. QUESTION him."

24 Therefore a second time they called the man that had been blind and said to him: "Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner." 25 In turn he answered: "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, I see at present." 26 Therefore they said to him: "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

^o You have seen Abraham? BAVg; has Abraham seen you? κSy^s. □ I have been=ἐγὼ εἶμι (ego' ei-mi') after the a'orist infinitive clause πρὶν Ἀβραὰμ γενέσθαι and hence properly rendered in the perfect tense indicative. It is not the same as ὁ ὄν (ho ohn', meaning "The Being" or "The I Am") at Exodus 3:14, LXX. ^a Si-lo'am, NBA; Shi-lo'ah, J^{7-14, 16-19}. See Isaiah 8:6, LXX.