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"But **this Man** (Jesus), because He continues forever, **has an unchangeable priesthood**. Therefore He is able also to save **to the uttermost** those who come unto God through Him; seeing He always lives **to make intercession for them**. For He became such a High Priest for us, who is **Holy**, Innocent, undefiled, Separated from Sinners, and made to be higher than the heavens; who does not need to daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins, and then for the people's; for He did this **once, when He offered up Himself**. For the law makes men high priests who have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which came after the law, makes the Son, who has been **perfected** for evermore. (Heb. 7:24-28)

Holy: from the Greek word *hosios* (3741) which means: holy, godly, righteous, devout, beloved of God, holy towards God. Properly, what is sanctioned by a higher law (especially divine law), i.e. accords with divine truth (providence) and therefore deserves respect (reverence). "Undefiled by sin and wickedness, religiously observing every moral obligation, pure, holy." (Of uncertain affinity; properly: **right** by intrinsic or divine character.

The following 'holy' words are reviewed in order to illustrate how "*hosios*" differs in meaning from them:

Holy: from the Greek word *hagios* (0040) which means: sacred, holy; properly, **different, unlike**, for the believer, *hagios* means "likeness of nature with the Lord" because "different from the world." The fundamental, core, meaning of *hagios* is "different" – thus the Temple was *hagios* ("**holy**") because it was different from other buildings. *Hagios* implies something "set apart" and therefore "different, distinct, distinguished" – because now special to the Lord. In the New Testament, *hagios* ("holy") has the "technical" meaning "different from the world" because we are made "like the Lord" by the cleansing and forgiveness of our sins through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

Holy: from the Greek word *hierós* (2413) which means: properly, sacred because of association with God's Sanctuary, the Temple; or when something is consecrated to God and is therefore "holy" unto God.

Holiness: from the Greek word *hosiotes* (3742) which means: holiness, godliness, piety.

Thus:

hosios denotes godly, upright, moral, and obedient behavior, and thus holy, pure, and upright in reverence and obedience to God.

hieros denotes formal consecration to God, and thus holy and dedicated to or by God; such as the holy-sanctuary, or the Holy Scriptures.

hagios denotes purity from defilement of any kind, as in the very Holy nature of the Father, and His Son Jesus, and the Holy (*hagios*) Spirit. *hagios* also denotes purity from defilement by the action of God through Christ Jesus, thus making us distinct and different from the world, and thus saints (holy-ones) made holy by God through Jesus.

Jesus is Holy: In the context of His position at the Right Hand of God in heaven, Jesus is **Holy** (*hosios*) in the sense of being altogether godly, pure, righteous, devout towards the Father, obedient to the Father; and thus Innocent, Undefiled, and Separated from Sinners, serving as our Great High Priest and Advocate before the Father.

Consider the following from Peter's first sermon:

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"You men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know; Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain Him; whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that he should be held by it. For David speaks concerning Him, "I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on My right hand, that I should not be moved; therefore my heart did rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope; Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither will You allow Your Holy-One (Jesus) to see corruption. (Acts 2:22-27)

This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has shown forth this, which you now see and hear; for David has not ascended into the heavens; but he himself says, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit You on My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made this same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ..." (Acts 2:32-36)

This type of holiness (**hosiototes** (3742), or godliness, is not without prophetic utterance, consider this prophecy:

"I have set the LORD always before Me: because He is at My right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore My heart is glad, and My glory rejoices. My flesh also shall rest in hope; for You will not leave My soul in hell; nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You wilt show Me the path of life; and in Your presence is fulness of joy; at Your Right Hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:8-11)

Holy One: from the Hebrew word **hasid ka** Godly-one, Holy-one; a designation of godly character, or piety. To be good, kind, merciful; as denoting active practice of kindness. (from chasid: kind, kindness, holy, holiness). (thus the same as hosios)

Now consider the fulfillment of this prophecy:

"God has fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, '*You are My Son, this day have I begotten You*' (Psalm 2:7). And as concerning that He raised Him (Jesus) up from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He said this wise, '*I will give you the sure mercies of David*'. (Isaiah 5:3) Therefore He said also in another psalm, '*You shall not allow Your Holy One (hosion) to see corruption.*' (Psalm 16:10). For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep (died), and was laid unto his fathers (in a grave), and saw corruption (decay). But He (Jesus), whom God raised again, saw no corruption." (Acts 13:33-37)

Jesus did not decay in the grave! The Holy-One of God rose from the dead three days after He died by crucifixion on the cross. Jesus now sits at the Right Hand of His Majesty, God most High, where there is fulness of joy; and pleasures for evermore!

Jesus is Holy

**He is, and always was, undefiled by sin and wickedness!
He is Holy, Innocent, Undefiled, and Separate from Sinners!
He is, and always was godly, righteous, devout, and beloved of God!
By the word of the oath of our Father in heaven Jesus was perfected forevermore!
And now Jesus our Lord is able also to save to the uttermost!**

Always, and always – Thank You Lord Jesus!