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Word Studies

Innocent: from the greek word **a-kakos** which means: innocent, guileless. Literally: not malignant; but properly: not harmful. Describes someone innocent, down to their very intentions and motives; a person without any desire to hurt or harm. A person without guile, meaning someone who is harmless, and free from the desire to inflict harm, grief, or hurt upon anyone.

Guileless: not having any guile; innocent and without deception. (Guile: behavior that is sly; devious; scheming, deceptive, deceitful, treacherous; duplicity, underhandedness, double-dealing.)

Harmless: not able, or likely, to cause harm to anyone or any thing.

Jesus was, and is Innocent: He is: not guilty of any crime or offense; without experience of sin, evil, hurt, or harm of any sort; free from moral wrong and corruption. He is not responsible for or directly involved in something bad or evil (sin), but yet suffering its consequences; as in the execution of an innocent man in place of another sinful person. He is guiltless, blameless, faultless; honorable, honest, upright, and just. As our High Priest, who is seated at the Right Hand of the Father, Jesus is perfectly innocent in all His intentions, motivations, judgements, and intercessions for us; always, and forever!

Recommended reading prior to study: Hebrews 6:13-20; 7:1-28; 8:1-6.

Consider the Context

- "**But this Man (Jesus), because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.**" This refers back to Hebrews 6:20 and 7:17 where it says of Jesus that He is "*a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek,*" (Melchizedek was the king of Salem, and a **perpetual priest** of the Most High God.) This fulfills this prophecy:

"The LORD has sworn, and will not repent, 'You (speaking of Jesus) are a **Priest Forever** according the order of Melchizedek.'" (Psalm 110:4)

- "**Therefore He is able also to save those to the uttermost who come unto God through Him,**" This is in and through Jesus: His atoning death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins; His resurrection for our justification; and His ascension into heaven at the Right Hand of the Father, seated as our **eternal Mediator** before the Father, It is as it says concerning Jesus:

" And it is yet far more evident: that after the likeness of Melchisedec there arises another Priest (Jesus), who was made to be (another Priest), not after the law of a carnal commandment, **but after the power of an endless life.**" (Hebrews 7:15-16)

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- "**seeing He always lives to make intercession for them.**" This is a wonderful and powerful promise of great importance for those who believe, and place their trust in Jesus! Consider this:

“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of **God's elect (us)**? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? (not Jesus) It is Christ who died, yes rather, who has risen again, **who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.** (Romans 8:33-34)

““For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us! {Hebrews 9:34)
- "**For He became such a High Priest for us, who is Holy, Innocent, Undeified, Separate from Sinners,**" Here within is our titled attribute **Innocent** for this study. The context is that Jesus, our eternal High Priest in heaven, is altogether Holy, Innocent, Undeified, and now Separate from Sinners. Jesus is as it says:

“For the law appoints men as high priests who have weaknesses; (they were unholy, defiled, not innocent, but sinners) but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son, who has been perfected for evermore." (Hebrews 7:28)
- "**and made to be higher than the heavens;**" as it says:

“Now of the things which we have spoken **this is the main point**: We have such a High Priest, (Jesus) **who sits at the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty in the heavens**; a Minister (for us) in the Sanctuary, and of the True Tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.” (Hebrews 8:1-2)

“But Christ came as a High Priest of the good things to come, through a Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation.” (Hebrews 9:11) (i.e. The Tabernacle of which we see glimpses of in Revelation)
- "**who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins, and then for the people's:**" Jesus did not offer Himself up for His own sins because He was altogether without sin! However Jesus did offer Himself up on the Cross for the peoples sins Once and for all time; for thus God so Loved the people of the world.
- "**for this He did once when He offered up Himself,**" Jesus is now our One and only High Priest; and our One and only perfect, holy, undeified, and innocent Lamb of God, who was sacrificed **Once**, and **only Once** for all time, on the Cross for the forgiveness of the sins of all people through all the ages!

Jesus was The Father's perfect, holy, undeified, and innocent Lamb of God! However, the context in Hebrews is that the current eternal nature of Christ Jesus is that of being our Holy, **Innocent**, Undeified High Priest who is seated at the Right Hand of the Father, where He is now separated from all sinners; and yet where He now mediates, and makes intercession for us before the Father! His innocence was demonstrated by His life, purpose, teachings, miracles, obedience, death, resurrection, and ascension to the Right Hand of the Father as our eternal High Priest. Consider now these evidences of the innocence of Christ Jesus:

Jesus Causes no harm to any person! Instead He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed!" (Isaiah 53:5)

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Jesus Causes no grief to anyone! Instead “He was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief! And we hid as it were our faces from Him. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted!” (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Jesus Oppresses no one! Instead “He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He was brought as a Lamb to the slaughter. ... Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief when **You (the Father) shall make His (Jesus's) soul an offering for sin.**” (our sin!!) (Isaiah 53:7, 10)

Jesus Abandons no one! Instead He said, “Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto Myself**, so that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:1-3) (Jesus will never leave or forsake us!)

Jesus leads no one astray! Instead He said, “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man comes unto the Father, but through Me.** If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him, and have seen Him.” (John 14:6-7)

Jesus Deceives no one! Instead He said, “**Truly, truly**, I say unto you, He who hears My word, and believes on Him who sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. **Truly, truly**, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; **and those who hear shall live.**” (John 5:24-25) (The Word of Christ is true!)

Jesus Condemns no one unjustly! Instead He said, “For as the Father has Life in Himself; so has he given to the Son to have Life in Himself; and has also given Him authority to execute judgment, because **He is the Son of Man**. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they who have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they who have done evil, unto the resurrection of condemnation. I can of My own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and **My judgment is righteous**; because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me.” (John 5:26-30) (Jesus is a just and righteous Judge!)

Jesus is, was, and always shall be...

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**As our High Priest sitting at the Right Hand of the Father,
Jesus is Innocent in all that He says and does.**

**All His intentions and motives for us are pure, blameless, honorable,
and founded in His innocence, and in His Great Love for us.**

**As Jesus hears from the Father, so He judges...
and all His judgments are just, righteous, and innocent of all that is not.**

**Lord Jesus thank You for being my innocent and eternal advocate,
and mediator, and intercessor before our Father in heaven ...
... the GOD of all Creation!**

Amen, and Amen !!