

## Hebrews 7.26

### Fittingly Holy

The scripture tells us that Jesus as our high priest was fitting for our need. Then goes on to tell us some of the characteristics of just what the needs are and how He fulfills them. The list begins at the most basic issue of all, holiness. This fundamental attribute of the God who is, is the launching point for every single thing God requires. It is the one thing that defines everything and everyone that is part of God's kingdom. Holiness is the core character of God... and as such it is the thing we need and do not possess, but in God's grace and mercy, it is the thing He provides first for us in the person of Christ.

#### I. HOLINESS

- A. Being set apart to God
- B. Being free from the taint of sin
- C. Being pure in thought, word and deed
- D. Holiness has a positive slant - it is not just being away from evil, from the bad; holiness at its root is being totally enamored and captivated by the good... it is being in total

agreement with God about what is good and what is not...

## II. WE LACK HOLINESS

A. We are defiled in nature

**Ephesians 2.1-3**

B. We are rebels against God

**Romans 3.10-18**

C. We are ruined in our desires and our affections...

**James 1.12-18**

1. All sin is one of three false states of love

a. Love defective: Loving something too little

b. Love excessive: loving something too much

c. Love perverted: loving something in the wrong fashion

D. We are doomed to wrath without mercy

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”*

*(Galatians 6:7–8, NKJV)*

### III. HE IS HOLY

A. From the womb and before

*“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”*

*Luke 1:35*

B. In His nature. He is God incarnate and completely in perfect agreement with God about everything. This is why He stated that "I and the Father are One." But more than that, the incarnation did not change this at all. He is from God. He is the perfect revelation of who God is, and all that God thinks. His unity with the Father is axiomatic.

**John 14.5-11**

*“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” (John 6:38)*

C. Even the demons knew what and who He was.

*“saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”” (Luke 4:34)*

#### D. In His obedience

*“And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”” (Luke 22:41–42, NKJV)*

*“but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:7–8, NKJV)*

*“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)*

#### E. In His Desires

*“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” (John 5:30)*

#### F. For All Eternity

*“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”” (Acts 7:55–56, NKJV)*

## Ephesians 1.17-23

### IV. HIS MISSION DEMANDS HOLINESS

#### A. Bearing the sacrifice

*“though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”” (Hebrews 5:8–10, NKJV)*  
*“who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.” (Hebrews 7:27–28, NKJV)*

#### B. Being a worthy Sacrifice

*“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Peter 1:18–19, NKJV)*

## Isaiah 53.3-6

#### C. Entering the Holiest

*“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” (Hebrews 9:12)*

### **Hebrews 9.23-28**

D. Eternally fitted for God

*“For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.” (Hebrews 7:28, NKJV)*

## **V. HE COMMUNICATES HIS HOLINESS**

A. He gives the Holy Spirit

### **John 14:23–27**

B. He Sanctifies our hearts and minds

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:1–2, NKJV)*

### **Hebrews 10.14-18**

C. He sanctifies our Desires

*“And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” (Galatians 5:24, NKJV)*

### **James 4.1-10**

D. He sanctifies our lives

*“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.” (John 17:17–19)*

*“But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:20–24, NKJV)*

E. He makes us fit for the presence of God.

*“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:” (Hebrews 12:14, NKJV)*

*“you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5)*

### **Colossians 1.19-23**