

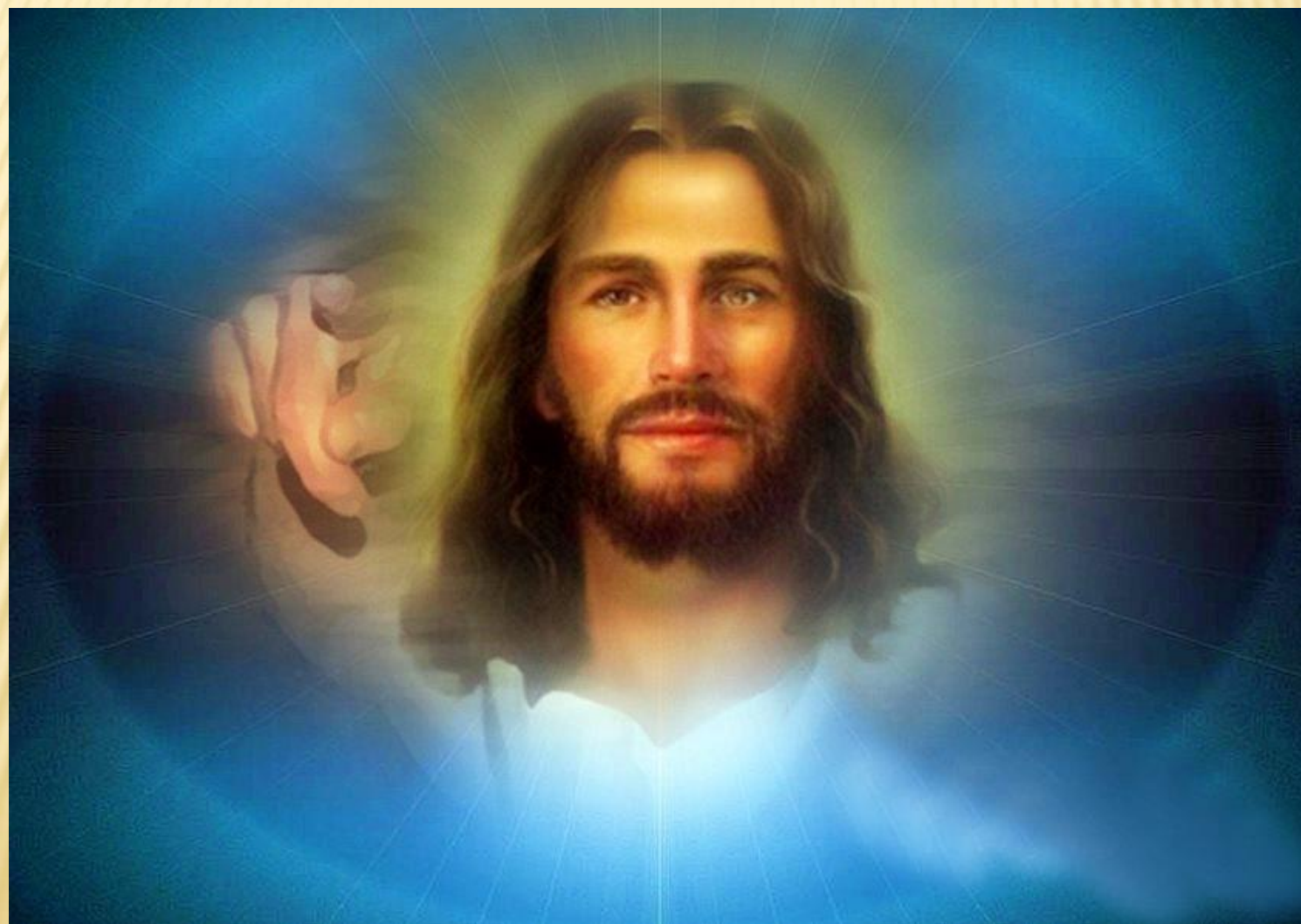


# TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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## LESSON 3

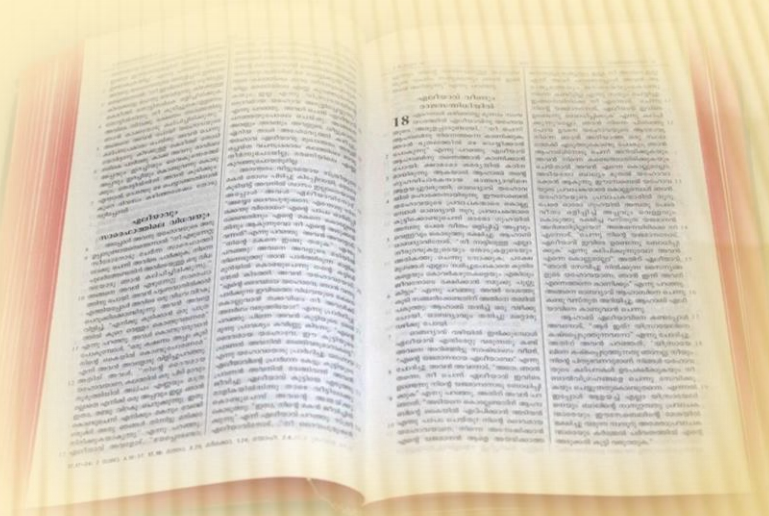
# GOD NAME-ADORABLE NAME





Once, Jesus taught His disciples to pray. It begins like this: "Our, Father in heaven, holy be your name." Jesus makes it clear through this prayer that we must use the name of God with respect and veneration. The second commandment of God is this: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God in vain."

# GOD'S NAME IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



We have to understand the usage 'Name of God' in the background of the Old Testament. When God appeared in the thorny bush, Moses asked God to reveal His name. But God does not reveal his name clearly. Instead He said **"I am who I am"** (Ex. 3:13-14). A particular name cannot contain God as He is. Since He is God, He cannot be limited to the frame of a particular name.

**"From the farthest east to the farthest west my name is honoured among the nations."** (Mal. 1:11). The

# GOD'S NAME IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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Once Jesus prayed like this: "Father glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven. "I have glorified it and I will glorify it again" (Jn. 12:28). Jesus gave great importance to the adorable nature of God's name. Jesus used the term 'Abba', a simple and touching word, whenever He addressed His Father. This term is used by children in Israel to address their fathers.

"Anything you ask for from the Father in my name, He will grant it." (Jn. 16:23). "There is salvation in no one else, for, there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

# THE USAGE OF GOD'S NAME



We must use God's name with respect when we take oaths or true statements. We may have to use the name of God. In courts and before the authorities, people may have to do the same. When we take up great responsibilities also we have to take the oath in God's name. On all such occasions, we must utter God's holy name with due respect befitting God.

Some people utter words of curse when they get angry. They are violating the second commandment. Cursing ones own fellow beings created in God's image is teasing God Himself. We have to keep ourselves away from bad words, false statements, indecent conversation etc. Our tongues are to be used to glorify God. The second commandment demands us to use our tongues for the glory of God and edification of others. Blasphemy and impure talks are sins against this commandment.

# RESPECT THE HOLY

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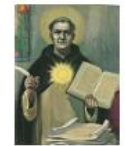
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TERESA OF AVILA

We must speak about holy Virgin Mary and other saints with respect. These are persons favourite to God. We should respect persons, places and objects dedicated to God. Priests and religious are persons dedicated to God. Hence, we have to respect them. Churches, pilgrim centers and shrines are places dedicated to the worship of God and veneration of saints. We must behave there respectfully suiting their holiness. The altar for the Holy Mass, the objects of sacrifice, the objects used in the sacraments etc. must be handled in a holy manner. The Bible containing the life-giving Word of God must be used with due respect. When we take the Holy Bible, use it and replace it, we have to do them with proper care and respect. Ill treating the persons dedicated to God, improper behavior at the holy places, making holy things unholy are sins against the second commandment.

# CHRISTIAN NAMES



The second commandment also reminds us about the importance of Christian name and its use. We see God giving suitable names to persons who are specially chosen by Him. God gives Abram the name 'Abraham' (Gen. 17:5). Jacob the name 'Israel' (Gen. 32:28). Similar is the case with us. In baptism, when we become the children of God, God gives us a new name, the baptismal name. It is given in the name of the Holy Trinity.


Certain names refer to God's goodness or divine mysteries. This name helps us to imitate their model and to seek their intercession. Hence, we must continue to use the baptismal name.





# LET US PRAY

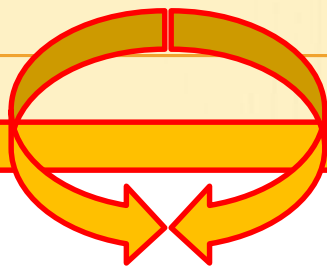
O Lord our God, give us the grace to understand  
and experience the power of your holy name.



**READ THE WORD OF  
GOD AND NARRATE**

Acts 3:1-10





## WORD OF GOD FOR GUIDANCE

"Truly, truly I tell you, if you ask anything to my Father in my name, He will grant it." (Jn. 16:23).

## LET US DO:

I will read the biography of my patron saint.



# MY RESOLUTION

I will call upon the holy name of Jesus in all my needs.

## FIND OUT THE ANSWER

1. What does the Old Testament mean by the term 'God's name'?
2. How did Jesus address God?
3. The name of 'Jesus is great' Explain.
4. What are the violations of the second commandments?
5. Make clear what the second commandment reminds us?



**THANK YOU**