

Handouts for lesson on
SPEAKING REVERENTLY OF GOD
Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 24 June 2018

Opening thoughts

-“Oh My Dinglemog!”

Introduction

-The Bible is, First and Foremost, God Centered

--It begins with **“In the beginning God...” – Genesis 1:1**

Overview of Lesson

1. The first commandment is to Worship God above all else.
2. God places high value on His name & references to Him.
3. God forbids taking His name in vain.

Body of Lesson

1. The first commandment is to Worship God above all else.

-Exodus 20:2-6

--In this commandment Gods command to honor Him ONLY as God implies that those who do so must LOVE (not hate) Him

-Deuteronomy 6:5, Deuteronomy 11:1, Matthew 22:35-38, Mark 12:30

2. God places high value on His name & references to Him.

-God uses the lofty nature of His Name to declare the highness of His Word (Christ) through the Psalmist David

--Psalms 138:2

---Christ is The Word

----John 1:1

- Philippians 2:5-11

3. God forbids taking His name in vain.

-The third commandment directly forbids taking God’s name in vain

--Exodus 20:7

---Vain: Strong’s #07723 Hebrew word “shav” – meaning emptiness, nothingness, vanity.

----Used without pondering the majesty, status, and loftiness of God’s name.

----Kind of like the way our Dingleworldians used the name of their god.

--Deuteronomy 5:11

--David associates those who take God’s name lightly with those who are wicked whom God shall slay.

---Psalms 139:19-20

--In **Proverbs 30**, a man named Agur son of Jakeh makes the following request of God.

---Proverbs 30:7-9

Summary and Conclusion

-God’s name is to be awed and feared

--Psalms 111:9

OH MY DINGLEMOG!

Dinglemog: Name Without Honor

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You've probably never heard of "Dinglemog" because he's a small and little respected deity in the imaginary land of Dingleworld. Even though Dingleworldians have little respect for Dinglemog, they frequently use his name to make people pay attention to what they're saying. His name, though not highly respected, has such an emphatic sound that it makes almost any statement sound more authoritative.

In the land of Dingleworld, you will hear Dinglemog's name used in many situations. If a person wants to tell someone that the weather is really cold, he will emphasize that statement by saying, "Oh my Dinglemog, it's cold today!" If folks become really surprised about something, they don't just say, "you surprised me." They say "Oh my Dinglemog! You surprised me!" The use of Dinglemog's name in describing an extremely tasty ice cream cone adds great emphasis to that description. Dingleworldians are often heard saying, "Oh my Dinglemog! This ice cream cone is incredible!" Throughout the land of Dingleworld, Dinglemog's name is lightly used in, almost every conceivable situation, to add emphasis to a statement. People really don't think much about Dinglemog himself, when they use his name. They just use it without much thought.

Back here, in our own world, folks don't use Dinglemog's name. Instead, they use the name of God. Equivalently, they use the name of Jesus Christ, who is God. In this manner, the name "God," is used in the same empty and light way that Dingleworldians use the name "Dinglemog." I've even heard folks who claim to be Christians refer to God in this manner.

Using God's name this way is very serious. It is using God's name in vain. God forbids this!

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

Are you an unsaved person using God's name this way? If so, cry out for mercy to God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, and rose again, to save sinners. Christian! Do you refer to our great God in the same way Dingleworldians refer to Dinglemog? Such disrespect for His name will never draw sinners to Him. Honoring God's name is essential in drawing others to seek Him as Lord and Savior!
