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THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

"Who is Jesus?"

Jesus is the "Second Adam"

Jesus is the "Branch of Jesse"

Jesus is the "Anointed One"

- Jesus is the "Captain of our Faith"
- Jesus is the "Alpha & Omega"
- Jesus is the "Chief Cornerstone"
- Jesus is the "Ancient of Days"
- Jesus is the "Daysman"

Jesus is the "Branch of Life"

Jesus is the door that allow entrance into the kingdom of God but at the same time he is the door that keeps out all who are not His sheep.

#1: The Context of this Metaphor

• "Jesus said to them ..." (10:7)

Who is the "them" in this verse?

What's Happening in John 9?

- John 9:1-12 / Jesus' healing of a blind man causes controversy
- * John 9:13 / This blind man is brought to the Pharisees
- John 9:14-16 / The Pharisees launched a condemnation against Jesus claiming he was wrong for healing on the Sabbath
- John 9:17-33 / The Pharisees conducted an interrogation of this blind man and his parents pressing them to say Jesus sinned
- John 9:34 / The Pharisees finally excommunicate this blind man because he would not agree with them that Jesus sinned by performing the miracle

"Truly, truly, I say to you (speaking to the Pharisees) ..."

John 10:1

"Then Jesus said unto them AGAIN (speaking of the Pharisees) ..."

John 10:7

#1: The Context of this Metaphor

• There is no-one harder to reach with the Gospel than someone who has great exposure to the Word of God and to religious things but who have never been born again.

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#3: The Caution of this Metaphor

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- 1. A "thief" is one who steals with deception
- 2. A "robber" commits his crime in broad daylight with brute force

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Jesus calls the Pharisees "thieves" and "robbers"

- 1. They are thieves in that with sleight of hand they twist the Word of God and corrupt the way of salvation
- 2. They are robbers in that with intimidation they back people down into corners and pile on them heavy demands

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

"Ye serpants, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell."

Matthew 23:33

"Let it be noted that these strong epitaphs show plainly there are times when it is right to rebuke sharply. Flattering everyone and complimenting all teachers who are zealous and earnest without reference to their soundness of faith is not according to Scripture. Nothing seems so offensive to Christ as a false teacher of religion, a false prophet, or a false shepherd. Nothing ought to be so much dreaded in teh church and if needful so plainly rebuked, opposed, and exposed."

J.C. Ryle's notes on John 10

#3: The Caution of this Metaphor

Better to be divided by truth than united in error.

#4: The Counterfeits Identified by this Metaphor

- "... but the sheep did not hear them" (10:8)
 - The true sheep are given a God-given spiritual discernment that will not allow them to be duped by the false spiritual leaders.

"Let a man of the world hear two preachers, one given out the truth and the other error, and he can discern no different between them. But it is far otherwise with the child of God. He may be but a babe in Christ, unskilled in theological controversies, but instinctively he will detect vital heresy as soon as he hears it. And why is this? Because he is indwell by the Holy Spirit."

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- "... but the sheep did not hear them" (10:8)
 - When the voices of strangers call out to the flock they simply will not follow!

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