

 Parable of the Ten Virgins by Thomas Shepard

It is not an easy read book, so we are interspersing other books in between its chapters. A review will follow its completion if we think that it is something for your bookshelf. As of yet, we are undecided.

In looking for the passages relating to the ten virgins for this review, I ran across the following passages, which I had also highlighted. Pay particular attention to the admonishment at the end. “Mark what our Lord tells them, ‘Not every one who saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven’... All are not Israel who are of Israel, nor all Christian who make a profession of religion. What a godly profession Judas had! He followed Christ, left all for Christ, preached the gospel of Christ, cast out devils in the name of Christ, and ate and drank at the table of Christ, yet Judas was only a hypocrite... It is a great deceit to measure the substance of our religion by the bulk of our profession, and to judge of the strength of our graces by the length of our duties. The Scriptures speak of some who, having a form of godliness, yet deny the power thereof...they do not live in the practice of those graces to which they pretend in their duties.”