



UNDER HIS WINGS

SEASON 3

EPISODE 28—PREPARING OUR VESSELS CONTINUALLY

SHOW NOTE HIGHLIGHTS

In this episode we discuss the Parable of the 10 Virgins that can be found in the New Testament in Matthew 25:1-13. <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/nt/matt/25?lang=eng>

10 Virgins filled their oil lamps and set off to meet the Bridegroom, yet only 5 brought extra oil for their vessels, and only 5 were ready when the Bridegroom came. Are we prepared to meet our Savior? What does that look like? Yes, we need to be temporally prepared. I'm certain those that have been through storms, earthquakes, loss of jobs and even Covid, have been grateful if they took the time to be prepared with extra food, supplies, water, generators, and who was not grateful for an extra package of toilet paper in the closet? But all those things will be of no comfort if we stand before our Savior and we do not know Him.

Spencer W Kimball (Faith Precedes the Miracle [1972], 255–56), shared with us this insight:

"The kind of oil that is needed to illuminate the way and light up the darkness is not shareable. How can one share obedience to the principle of tithing; a mind at peace from righteous living; an accumulation of knowledge? How can one share faith or testimony? How can one share attitudes or chastity, or the experience of a mission? How can one share temple privileges? Each must obtain that kind of oil for himself. . . . "In the parable, oil can be purchased at the market. In our lives the oil of preparedness is accumulated drop by drop in righteous living. Attendance at sacrament meetings adds oil to our lamps, drop by drop over the years. Fasting, family prayer, ministering, sharing the gospel, studying the scriptures—each act of dedication and obedience is a drop added to our store. Deeds of kindness, payment of offerings and tithes, chaste thoughts and actions, marriage in the covenant for eternity—these, too, contribute importantly to the oil with which we can at midnight refuel our exhausted lamps"

Ezra Taft Benson said, "The revelation to store food may be as essential to our temporal salvation today as boarding the ark was to the people in the days of Noah." <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1973/10/prepare-ye?lang=eng>

Helaman 5:12 "And now, my sons, remember, remember that it is upon the rock of our Redeemer, who is Christ, the Son of God, that ye must build your foundation; that when the devil shall send forth his mighty winds, yea, his shafts in the whirlwind, yea, when all his hail and his mighty storm shall beat upon you, it shall have no power over you to drag you down to the gulf of misery and endless wo, because of the rock upon which ye are built, which is a sure foundation, a foundation whereon if men build they cannot fall." <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm/hel/5?lang=eng>

Doctrine and Covenants 45:56-57

"And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins. For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day" <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/45?lang=eng>

"And whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived," Joseph Smith – Matthew 1:37 <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/pgp/js-m/1?lang=eng>

"That which we persist in doing becomes easier to do, not that the nature of the thing has changed but that our power to do has increased." Attributed to — **Ralph Waldo Emerson** <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/19755-that-which-we-persist-in-doing-becomes-easier-to-do>

Experience of M Russell Ballard in overcoming deception: "When Shall These Things Be?" *Ensign, Dec. 1996, 60* <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1996/12/when-shall-these-things-be?lang=eng>

Anthony Sweat shared in a podcast called Follow Him a wonderful summary of the Purpose of Receiving Our Endowment: The power and capacity to come into the presence of God and receive a fullness of His blessings. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ID9HrvBHF8>

Russell M Nelson, "Of course, we can store our own reserves of food, water, and savings. But equally crucial is our need to fill our personal *spiritual storehouses with faith, truth, and testimony.*" <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2020/04/11nelson?lang=eng>