



CHAPTER 47

The Ten Virgins



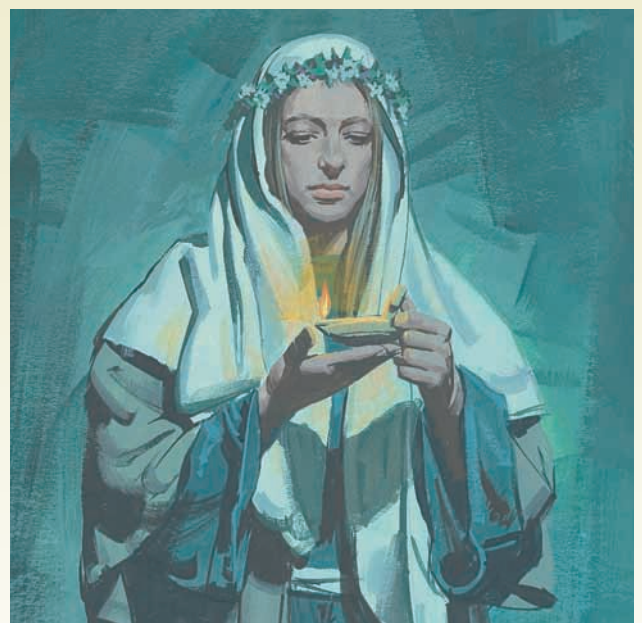
Jesus told a story about ten young women who went to a wedding. They waited for the bridegroom to come and let them in. They did not know what time he would come.

Matthew 25:1, 13



The ten women had oil-burning lamps. Five of the women were wise. They had extra oil with them.

Matthew 25:2, 4



The other five women were foolish. They only had the oil that was in their lamps.

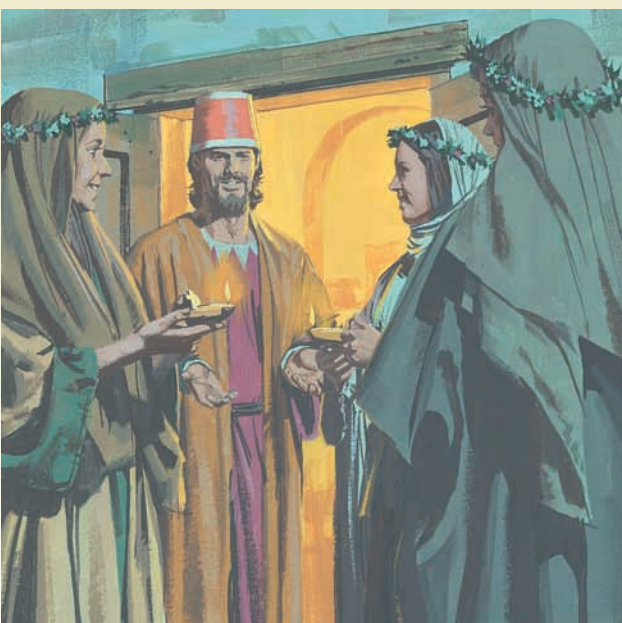
Matthew 25:3



The bridegroom did not come for a long time. The oil in the lamps ran out. The five wise

women had more oil to put in their lamps. The five foolish women had to go buy more oil.

Matthew 25:5-9



While they were gone, the bridegroom came. He let the five wise women into the wedding.

Matthew 25:10



When the five foolish women returned, the door was closed. They could not go to the wedding.

Matthew 25:10-12



Jesus is like the bridegroom in this story. Church members are like the ten women. When Jesus comes again, some members will be ready. They

will have obeyed God's commandments. Others will not be ready. They will not be able to be with the Savior when He comes again.

Matthew 25:13; Doctrine and Covenants 45:56–57; 88:86, 92; Jesus the Christ, 576–80