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SUMMER PARABLES

"HOW'S YOUR OIL?"

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MATTHEW 25:1-13 HCSB

1. The Context of the Parable (Matthew 24-25)

TRUTH: Jesus spent significant time teaching the disciples about His Second Coming.

KEY POINTS:

- The signs of a sure return (Matthew 24:4-35)
- The uncertainty of the exact timing (Matthew 24:36-25:13)
- The finality of our choices upon His return (Matthew 25:14-46)

2. Explanation of the Parable (Matthew 25:1-13)

SCENE: Wedding

ISSUE AT HAND: Wise preparation or foolish neglect

RESULT: The Prepared enjoyed the celebration, and the Foolish are excluded.

TRUTH: Spiritual preparedness is non-transferable.

TRUTH: Those caught unprepared will discover they have run out of time.

TRUTH: Wise disciples prepare for the long haul.

3. Application of the Parable

QUESTION: Are you wisely prepared or foolishly unprepared?

TRUTH: Jesus gives some guidance in the surrounding passages to help us know if we are prepared.

- Faith in Christ (Matthew 25:10-13)
- Faithful stewardship (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Faith-fueled love (Matthew 25:31-46)