SUMMER SUN OR SON

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Introduction _____

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I. INTRODUCTION AND PERSONAL STORY

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Arrival in Oklahoma, December 1982, from cold Montreal to warm sunshine _____

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Why do people value sunny climates? _____

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II. THE SUN'S ROLE IN LIFE AND RELIGION

Creation originally had perfect sunshine and moderate weather _____

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Sun worship in ancient Egypt and Shinto religion contrasted with Christianity

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How does the sun interfere with Christian practice? _____

III. THREE TEMPTATIONS OF SUNNY WEATHER

1. Temptation to be immodest _____

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1 Timothy 2:9 - Modesty defined as proper, discreet clothing and good works _____

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Modesty is an attitude of love expressed in dress and behavior _____

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Men's role in promoting modesty in family and community _____

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2. Temptation to be irresponsible _____

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Jeremiah 15:6 - God judges even at high noon, not respecting time or weather _____

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Avoid laziness and neglect of priorities because of nice weather _____

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IV. TEMPTATION TO BE UNFAITHFUL

Skipping services and neglecting giving due to summer activities _____

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Serving the sun of the sky vs. serving the Son of God _____

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God's constancy demands our year-round faithfulness _____

V. GLORIFYING GOD IN SUNNY SEASONS

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Ways to honor God on vacation and during summer _____

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Visiting small congregations, family worship, and planned giving _____

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Using free time for spiritual growth and service projects _____

VI. CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN PRIORITIES

Who or what is your ultimate priority? _____

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Invitation: Confess, repent, be baptized to follow Jesus _____

Evaluate if Jesus is your first priority in life _____