

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Jul 7th 2012**

Sometimes we miss the real meaning of doing fasting. But it is not bad. In fact most great religious traditions teach its value and benefits. The disciples of John the Baptist, who still are captive of their own old religious logic centered on penitence and pessimistic view of religion, have not discovered yet the festive side of God's kingship. In the text, Jesus used images to invite us to this festive celebration of faith: bridegroom [wedding]; new dress; new wine... In the kingship of God, spiritual meaning comes through the celebration of God's presence within us, in the family and in the community.

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