

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Dec 12th 2014

The people of Israel did not listen to God's words. They did not listen to the warnings of the prophets: "Hear the word that the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel" (Jer 10:1). So they were exiled to Babylon and were subject to all forms of misfortunes. The servants at the wedding of Cana listened to Mary's advice (Do whatever he tells you) and obeyed the words of Jesus. So there were blessings, full of blessing in the form of seven jars of fresh wine. The carpenter Jesus advised the professional fisherman Peter to put out the boat into the deep water and let down his nets for a catch. Peter knew that they had worked the whole night but caught nothing. Yet, he believed in the words of the carpenter and did as Jesus said. He listened to Jesus' words and the rest was history (cf. Lk 5:1-10). When Joshua was chosen to replace the greatest prophet Moses as the leader of Israel, Yahweh advised him saying "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful". Yes, Joshua was victorious and received so much of blessing simply because he followed the Word. Well, Jesus is saddened because the generation of Jesus listened neither to Jesus nor to John the Baptist. Because of that, they lost river like prosperity, sand like descendants, grains and God's protective presence. In short, they lost Baraka (blessing). Are we like the generations of Jesus or the servants of wedding at Cana, Peter and Joshua?

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