

What's wrong with Fasting?!

Actually: nothing! But during the fast described in today's lesson from Isaiah, there's a lot going on that's not o.k. If you find all the words below, the remaining letters reveal what God thinks about the fasting of his people.

S Y O E U P S L E O R V E Y O
U S K E E R E O N P W N I N T
E O E O R R E O S P T O N Y O
Y R P N R U I R F R A S T D A
F L C A S L S T N E M G D U J
E Y U O L U N V E S X L W D S
A Q B E V A O E C S B T B K C
S F B N T E A E I E F F X V Y
P E F I A S R D T D C O A E R
R O O L H K S R S H H O B L G
H N O E I I E R U O G D L B N
D C S R N C N D J U X I X M U
Q L S S T M T L N S V R R U H
T H G I L E D E I E K E M H H
H O M E L E S S D H I D E P S

AFFLICTED	HOMELESS	OPPRESSED
ASHES	HOUSE	PEOPLE
COVER	HUMBLE	POOR
DELIGHT	HUNGRY	QUARREL
EVIL	INJUSTICE	REBELLION
FOOD	JUDGMENTS	RIGHTEOUSNESS
FREE	NAKED	SINS
HIDE	NATION	YOKE

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Today's lessons:

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

God criticises his people for their insincerity: they fast, but they do not share their food with the hungry. That's not how God understands fasting! Only if the people help those in need, God will accept their fast and help them. God likes generosity and compassion.

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Jesus sees his followers in an important role for the world at large: like a pinch of salt is essential for the taste of a whole dish, so the disciples will change how others perceive God and the world. But only if the disciples do their job and live according to God's will.



