

Thursday 27th January 2022

Ps.103,17-18: *“From everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children – with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.”*

Hebr.13,8: *“Jesus is the same yesterday and today and for ever.”*

The Lord’s love is with those who fear him and remember to obey his precepts, not because they must merit it in this way and fulfil the conditions for it, but *so that* they in doing so may know it and be assured of it. For only with this knowledge comes the confidence that everything must work together to fulfil the will of the Lord whose love is with them, that is, *“that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”* (Rom.8,28)

Being *from everlasting to everlasting*, this is not a love that finds its object and needs to be convinced by it, it is a love that creates its object and redeems it and has a purpose for it which he surely fulfils. We know the Lord’s love to be with us through him who not only gave us the example of what it means to fear God and keep his precepts, but gives to all who repent the freedom to do so through the forgiveness of our sins – even Jesus Christ, who is *the same yesterday and today and for ever*.