

Friday 30 April 2021

*Is.9,7: "Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end."*

*Acts 10,36: "God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."*

This prediction points to Jesus in whom it finds its fulfilment. So the angel Gabriel announced to Mary: *"The Lord God will give him [Mary's son] the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end."* (Lk.1,33)

His government does not exalt the human will over against another, it is not about the power of having his own way. His government is the doing of the Father's will, its character and nature is obedience to the will of God. Neither sin nor death nor devil could impose their will on him who obeyed the Father's will. And so not fear ruled, but love, not injustice, but justice, not death, but life. As in him the government of sin and death and devil was broken, so for anyone who belongs to him by faith.

Peace of the kind found in Jesus is gained where the enemy overcome is not one without, but the enemy within of the sinner towards God. Where that is overcome, I go in peace. *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Rom.5,8)