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Ps.103,19: *"The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all."*

Rev.19,6-7: *"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory."*

The knowledge and acknowledgment of God's rule, of the establishment of his throne – that God is LORD – is in the biblical experience always the occasion and invitation to exuberant praise, to joy and rejoicing. Why is that? The answer is that God's rule is all about liberation, for humankind and for all of creation.

God's rule neither enslaves nor alienates, but breaks the power of those that do. To come to know and acknowledge God's rule is to be set free from all that binds us to a contrary will and to become free for His will in glad obedience.

One prediction of Jesus says that "the government will be on his shoulders" (Is.9,6): Is not what we see in Jesus all about liberation? Is not there God's government one that upholds justice and righteousness in judgment and grace, that nothing can prevail against? Indeed, where Christ is God rules.

*"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* (Jn.8,36)