No Weapon Forged Against You Will Prevail!

Isaiah 54:17

- I. Isaiah 53 and 54 explain God's redemptive plan for every person, both Jews and Gentiles (Isaiah 49:5-6) (Read Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11; 54:1-17.)
 - A. Israel's redemption and our redemption as the people of God (Isaiah 54:5-10)
 - B. A picture of life before and after receiving Christ (Isaiah 54:1, 11-12)
 - C. A picture of how believers prevail against the weapons of the enemy (Isaiah 54:17)
- II. The heritage of the servants of the Lord (Isaiah 54:17)
 - A. Heritage describes the reality of what we possess in Christ.
 - B. Two ways the enemy attacks, neither of which can deprive a Christian of what the Lord has granted
 - 1. A direct attack of the enemy
 - 2. The accusation or legal challenge of the enemy
- III. No weapon can succeed against us because of the righteousness that the Lord has imputed to us.
 - A. The righteous servant (Jesus) justifies the many. He gives us His Name (Isaiah 53:11) and an amazing heritage (Isaiah 54:17)!
 - B. "Vindication" is a poor translation in Isaiah 54:17. The word for vindication is better translated "righteousness." No weapon can be forged against us and prevail; because we have become "the righteousness of God," which Christ purchased for us on the cross (II Corinthians 5:21).
 - C. Our Maker has become our husband (Isaiah 54:4, 5). And we receive the Spirit who testifies of our adoption as children of God (Romans 8:15-16).
- IV. The abundance of being established in righteousness (Isaiah 54:14)
 - A. The thief (Satan) may try to cheat his way into stealing, killing, and destroying our lives. But the truth is that in Christ we have abundant life (John 10:10).
 - B. We have nothing to fear (Isaiah 54:14).
 - 1. Tyranny is a general word for internal disruption.
 - 2. By contrast, terror represents assault from outside, as well as inside alarm.
 - C. "Whoever attacks you will surrender to you" (Isaiah 54:15) (E.g. Job).
 - D. Our heritage is always to enlarge and grow, dispossessing our enemies (Isaiah 54:1-3).
 - E. We are never put to shame, humiliated, or abandoned. God always brings us back with deep compassion (Isaiah 54:4, 7).
 - F. God's covenant of peace cannot be removed, even in shaky times (Isaiah 54:10).
 - G. God is always building us into something beautiful (Isaiah 54:11-12).
 - H. Even our children are covered, because they also are destined to be established in righteousness through Jesus (Isaiah 54:13).
 - I. No weapon will prevail. (Isaiah 54:17; Matt.18:18-19; James 1:2-8; I Cor. 10:13).