

Isaiah 54:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Analysis

The promise 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper' doesn't guarantee no attacks, but guarantees ultimate victory over all opposition. The assurance 'every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn' promises vindication against accusers. The declaration 'This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD' establishes these promises as covenant inheritance for all believers.

Historical Context

Israel faced military (weapons) and legal (tongues in judgment) attacks throughout history. God promised that while attacks would come, they ultimately wouldn't succeed. The church inherits this promise - gates of hell won't prevail (Matthew 16:18).

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What 'weapons formed against you' (opposition, attacks, trials) must you trust will ultimately 'not prosper'?
2. How does knowing vindication is your 'heritage' from God sustain you through present accusations?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	רִאָצָן	בְּלֹא	נִצְחָה	כִּי	רִאָצָן	בְּלֹא	נִצְחָה	כִּי	רִאָצָן	בְּלֹא	נִצְחָה
H3605	No weapon	that is formed	H3335	H5921	H3808	against thee shall prosper	H6743	H3605			
H3627								H3335			
לְשׁוֹן	תַּקְוִם	אַתָּה	לְמִשְׁפָּט								
and every tongue	that shall rise	H854	against thee in judgment	H4941							
H3956		H6965									
תְּרַשֵּׁשׁ	עָשָׂה	זֶה	נִצְלָת	עָבֵד	יְהֹוָה						
thou shalt condemn	H2063	This is the heritage	of the servants	of the LORD	H3068						
H7561		H5159	H5650	H3068							
מִצְדָּקָת	מִאָתָה	נָאָם	יְהֹוָה:								
and their righteousness	H853	is of me saith	of the LORD	H3068							
H6666		H5002									

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 54:15 (Parallel theme): Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Isaiah 50:8 (Righteousness): He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

Romans 8:1 (Parallel theme): There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Psalms 32:6 (Parallel theme): For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Matthew 16:18 (Parallel theme): And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Revelation 12:10 (Parallel theme): And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Daniel 6:20 (Parallel theme): And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Isaiah 29:8 (Parallel theme): It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (Righteousness): For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 10:4 (Righteousness): For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.