

## *“WHEN THE WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME IS ME!”*

We all know and are familiar with this passage (**Isaiah 54:17**) “No weapon formed against thee shall prosper; 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.”

It is the A portion of this text that is quoted the most – “No weapon formed against thee shall prosper”. Although Isaiah wrote this as a comfort to believers who are experiencing great affliction or adversity, often when we are weighed down by trials and shaken by the tempests of life’s circumstances, we still must remember that these are the very conditions that cause our Lord to have compassion upon us and to draw near to us so that we may be spiritually strengthened. This is good to know when you are dealing with life’s problems in your life. It is also helpful when dealing with others that cause us harm and block our spiritual growth.

But what am I to do when that weapon formed against me is me? I ask this question because often times the most dangerous weapon that hinders our spiritual growth is us. We allow our circumstances or current situations as well as our past experiences that have occurred in our lives to hinder us. We dwell on these things and hold our own self-pity parties. Meanwhile life is going on around us. We stop going to church. We even stop praying how we should. We blame everyone else for what we have going on in our lives. Not once taking responsibility for where we are in life. Now I do not want to sound insensitive to some past situations you may have endured, but the fact that you are still breathing on this side of heaven is a testimony that whatever you went through didn’t break you and could not destroy you. God has brought you through your storm!

I believe you need to take the time to go in your bathroom, look at yourself in the mirror and have a conversation with yourself. I love the song where the song writer says, “Sometimes you have to encourage yourself. Sometimes you have to speak victory during the test.” So I say to you, do not allow the devil to control your mind and thoughts and form a weapon against you.

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