

GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK!

Isaiah 54:17

Pastor DeWayne F. Davis Sr. 10-25-15

There are people and forces that wish for nothing more than your discouragement or destruction. You don't have to live in fear of any of those things happening to you because the God Who saved you has got your back! God wanted Israel to know that while they are living an abundant life, their adversaries wait for an opportunity to launch an attack.

Israel's Fertility – vv.1-3 God was going to make them very fruitful again and expand them

Israel's Forgiveness vv. 4-8 God was angry, but would let them experience His compassion

Israel's Future vv.9-10 God would secure their future with an unbroken covenant of peace

Israel's Foundations vv.11-16 God would establish an unshakable foundation of righteousness

Israel's Fortitude v.17 God would make them invincible in the face of attackers bent on trying to defeat them again.

1. God Is Going To Shut Down What They Use! – 17a

Weapons are designed for two reason: to disable or to destroy what is being attacked. Those who make weapons always takes into account their target's vulnerabilities, then design or form their weapons accordingly.

a) Satan uses the weapon of evil people to attack you - Ephesians 6:12;

But Satan won't prosper because God is going to shut him down! *Isaiah 59:19*

b) This world system uses the weapon of pressure to make you conform

John 15:18-19 They hate on us and attempt to make life miserable. But the world won't prosper because God is going to shut down whatever they try to use. *1 John 4:4; 2 Corinthians 4:8*

c) People use relational weapons to maliciously strike out at you

There are relationships on every level, that can just come out of nowhere with behavior that catch you off guard! They are weapons formed to hurt, discourage and disable you. *2 Timothy 4:14; Genesis 50:20; Psalms 59:1-5; 9-10*

d) Troubles, Trials & Temptations

\Are not weapons in and of themselves, but the enemy wants to influence how you look at them or handle them as his weapon to discourage you from claiming the victory you have over them.

John 16:33; 1 John 5:4

2. God Is Going To Shut Down What They Say! – 17b

God would not allow the negative press about His people go unchallenged. Instead, condemnation will fall upon the accusers!

Because your reputation is a presentation of who you are by word of mouth, people will slanderously accuse you with an evil intent to discredit you in the eyes of others. David - *Psalms 56:5*; Jesus - *Luke 11:53-54; Matthew 22:15*

So what should you do in situations like this? You must hold your peace and let the Lord fight your battles! Truth will eventually come out! It always wins.