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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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"The Battle is His!"

ISAIAH 54:17 NKJV – (17) "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment. You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* from Me," says the LORD.

ROMANS 8:31 NKJV – (31) What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

No weapon that is formed - no instrument of war, no sword, or spear; no instrument of persecution or torture that is made by the smith, **Isaiah 54:16**, shall prosper. On the meaning of this word - the sense here is that it shall not have final and ultimate prosperity. It might be permitted for a time to appear to prosper- as persecutors and oppressors have done - but there will not be final and complete success.

And every tongue - no one shall be able to injure you by words and accusations. If a controversy shall arise or if others reproach you and accuse you of imposture and deceit, you will ultimately be able to convince them of error and, by manifestation of the truth, condemn them. The language here is probably derived from courts of justice and the idea is that truth and victory, in every strife of words, would be on the side of the church.

This is the heritage - the inheritance which awaits those who serve God is truth and victory. It is not gold and the triumph of battle. It is not the laurel won in fields of blood. But it is the protection of God in all times of trouble; his friendship in all periods of adversity.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 10:19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When you stop learning, you stop living.