

Lesson 4
Chapter 2
Scripture Memorization: A Must In These Last Days
(Continued)

1. a) What mind set and attitudes do you see that could have contributed to the demise of the Titanic, a disaster that has been called the *most tragic shipwreck in history*?

b) How many of the things you have listed above seem to be characteristic of many Christians today?

2.. Using your Bible (and your concordance, if you choose) but without further reference to *The Sword*, list the six pieces of armor listed in Ephesians 6 and show how each finds its fulfillment in the eternal Word.

3. a) Compare Matthew 24:12-13 with Ephesians 6:12-18. What conclusion can you draw?

b) Matthew 24:7-13 paints a very grim picture about what is in store for this world in the last days. True, we do not know if we will be the ones to see these things occur, but we do know that Satan and his demonic forces are constantly warring and plotting against us. In order for us to *stand* against his ever avid assaults, what specific orders are given by our Commander-in-chief in Ephesians 6:12-18?

4. a) What is your personal response to the five questions asked on page 37?

b) How well prepared would you be if per chance you were, this day, facing a scenario similar to the one described in Matthew 24:7-13 — without your Bible?

c) If you knew for a fact that the end of your comfortable, secure world was looming dead ahead, would you rush to make any changes in your agenda? If so what?

5. Why is it important for a Soldier of the Cross to have God's Word etched on his heart and mind? Use the allegory of a soldier in a physical conflict to explain your answer.

6. a) Do you consider yourself to be on the front lines of battle, spiritually? Explain your answer.

7. Scripture tells us that the Lord sees our lives as if they were already lived (Psalm 139:16b). He knows every thought before we think it, every word before we say it, every move we will make before we make it. Ponder for a moment: Could the admonitions you are receiving in this course regarding the importance of Scripture memorization possibly be an insignificant coincidence? Do you think the Lord could possibly intend for them to be a mere "flash in the pan" as far as your overall Christian experience is concerned?

Food for Thought: Are you not convinced that memorizing blocks of Scripture is not only an important step toward balancing your data base, it is vital preparation for spiritual warfare, not just to be prepared for a continuation of what we have experienced in the past, but anticipating spiritual warfare and evil that could well exceed anything this old world has ever known.

