

## Lesson 8

### Chapter 5 - *Revival Fire*

Read Chapter 5 and then apply it to your life as you work through these questions.

1. How many properties of fire can you list, good and bad, as you consider its existence and use in our lives today and throughout the history of man? Ponder the parallels and contrasts in spiritual applications as they pertain to the Holy Spirit, to God's Holy Word and to Revival in our time.

2. In reviewing Scripture's reference to "holy" fire referred to on pages 70-72, do you see a relationship between the fire of the Holy Spirit's working in your life, and the fire that is ignited via Scripture memorization? Explain your perceptions in your own words?

3. In the left column below list the conditions for revival as stated in II Chronicles 7:14. Across from each condition write how the memorization of Scripture in context could serve to fulfill this condition. (See pages 78 - 79)

If my people, who are called by my name will:	When we memorize God's Word in its full context:

**4. Aware that we are God's army on the battlefield of life, that we are contending with a vicious and cunning enemy whose sole purpose is to *steal, kill and destroy* God's people, what does it mean to you to *take the Sword of the Spirit* and what significance do you see in doing so as it relates to spiritual conflict in the every day affairs of life?**

**5. Paul said: . . . *a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.***

**The unlimited potential available to those who make God's powerful Word a reality in their lives by memorizing it in its full context is indeed a vast open door for every Christian. Our great adversary is careful to target those who choose to take advantage of this door of opportunity. In a quiet moment with the Lord consider what strategy he might try to use on you. (There is space below for you to record your thoughts. Although they might be an encouragement to others in class, you need only share them if you are comfortable in doing so.)**

**6. What steps can we take to help protect ourselves from Satan's hurtful arrows?**

**7. In such warfare what advantages do you see in meeting regularly with a friend or better still with a small group of memorizers versus trying to go it alone?**

8. a) The illustration of Giralomo Savonarola is given in *The Sword* as an example of one person who significantly impacted his world and even subsequent generations. On the back of this page, make your own personal list of people who have significantly impacted your life. Indicate beside each name what dominant characteristic makes them stand out in your mind.

b) Do you think that your commitment to start memorizing Scripture could significantly affect the lives of others. Would you be willing to let the Lord use you to help move their focus from the passive state of wanting to be fed, to a more active approach, such as following your example of memorizing Scripture in its full context? (You may wish to record your thoughts below even if you do not choose to share them in class.)

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### Food for Thought:

As I think of the impact that Savonarola, just one man, had on his generation and on the millenniums that followed, I am reminded of the latter part of the second commandment: *I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.* Think of it, the impact of the wicked is for three or four generations, but the impact of the righteous extends for *a thousand*.

Consider the influence your life has on those around you. You may consider it to be very insignificant, but you do impact every life you touch, whether you know it or not, whether you want to or not. Ponder for a moment what significance your response to the admonition to memorize Scripture, to memorize it in its full context, might have not only on your life but also on the lives of others. **You** are only one person, but you **are** one person who will influence generations to come. Again, whether you know it or not and whether you want to or not. Do you think that memorizing God's Word, thus making it a practical and consistent part of your daily life, could be a major factor, not only in your life, but in that of others, now and in the years ahead?

*"Is not My Word like fire," declares the Lord.... (Jeremiah 23:29 - emphasis added)*

Fire gives light. The Psalmist said:

*(God's) Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)*

Be aware that the fire of His Word in your heart will not only light *your* path, it will also light the path for others.