

**Lesson 11**  
**Malachi**  
**The Last Warning**

**Read Malachi to answer the following:**

1. What did God say in Malachi 1:2-3? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What did God promise? (Malachi 3:1-3) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did he tell them in Malachi 4:4-5? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What would he do? (Malachi 4:4-6) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Draw a line to match the following:

**Scribes:**

**A.** They had become common places of Bible teaching and worship – probably started during the Babylonian captivity because the people had no temple to worship God. They met in smaller groups for worship and religious instruction.

**Pharisees:**

**B.** They were a Jewish council, and they held the religious power among the Jewish people - the head being the High Priest. The Romans gave them the right to pass the sentence of death upon someone, but they could not execute anyone.

**Sadducees:**

**C.** Different than in the Old Testament, they were held as the interpreters and the teachers of God’s Word. They were opposed to Jesus, and He often rebuked them for adhering to their traditions instead of following God’s Word.

**The Sanhedrin:**

**D.** They had separated themselves from the political parties. They zealously guarded the law and were overall conservative. They believed in angels and the afterlife.

**Synagogues:**

**E.** Considered more liberal; denied the existence of angels or the afterlife; didn’t believe in the resurrection or eternal life of man’s soul; a much smaller group than the Pharisees; mostly affiliated with the wealthy and influential; opposed Jesus.

Answers:

1. God said He loved His people, yet they questioned God. God explained that he loved Jacob, not Esau. They were to remember the events behind this statement. Remember that God sees the heart. Jacob sought after the things of God. Esau chose to please himself (see Genesis 25:21 – 28:22)

2. God would send His messenger to prepare the way before Him and the Lord whom they seek will come suddenly to the Temple, He will be like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap;

3. to remember the Law of Moses and God would send to them Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD;

4. Elijah (who was to come) shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest God come and smite the earth with a curse.;

5. Scribes C; Pharisees D; Sadducees E; The Sanhedrin B; Synagogues A.