

# Partisans – Book of Malachi

The Jewish religious leadership sects of the Pharisees and Sadducees did not exist at the time of the Malachi; there were only Levitical priests. However, one can see the roots of their differing approaches in the last book of the Old Testament (Malachi), 400+ years before they are next mentioned in the Gospels.

We can also see that same divisive influence in Christianity today.

Religious Groups	Defined As	Seen in Malachi	Reproved by Christ	Expounded As	Today's Equivalent
Pharisees	Traditionalists, Formalists	2:2- "if ye will not <i>lay it to heart</i> " 2:7- "should <i>keep knowledge</i> "	Luke 11:39 "hypocrites"	Knowing the Word but not Living It, "a form of godliness but denying the power thereof"	Fundamentalists, Conservatives
Sadducees	Skeptics, Modernists	2:2- "if ye will <i>not hear</i> " 2:7- "should <i>seek the law at his mouth</i> "	Matthew 22:29 "not knowing the scriptures"	Trying to Live the Word without Knowing It, "oppositions of science falsely so called"	Progressives, Liberals

"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 2:7-8

"Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

Matthew 16:6