



## *Lesson Two: Renewing My Service*

### **Appearances Are Deceiving**

**Read Malachi 3:13–15**

1. What's wrong with the attitude of the Israelites?
2. What would be the better question to ask in verse 14? Why?
3. How did these feelings affect their relationship with God?

### **God Knows And Claims His Own**

**Read Malachi 3:16–4:3**

1. Was God talking about the same group of people in verses 16-18 as He was in verses 13-15?
2. How will everyone get their just desserts in the end (v. 16-18)?
3. What distinguishes the righteous man from the wicked man? (see v. 18; 1 Peter 2:9)
4. How do our priorities change when we realize that one day unbelievers will be judged and condemned?

### **God Calls For Patient Faithfulness**

#### **Read Malachi 4:4-6**

1. With Malachi's death, the voice of God's prophets would be silent for 400 years. Considering this, what is the importance of verses 4-5?
2. To whom does "the prophet Elijah" refer? (see Matthew 17:10-12; 11:12-14; Luke 1:17)
3. As we wait for the return of Christ, how do these verses challenge and encourage you to live?