

CCCN Bible Study End Times Notes – Pastor John Stackhouse

7 reasons why many preachers refuse to preach biblical prophecy from their pulpits from Dr. Tim Lahaye:

1. ***A minister doesn't take the Bible literally, as God intended.***
Whenever you spiritualize or allegorize God's meaning, you make it all but unintelligible. Instead, those who do not take the Bible literally often ridicule those of us who do, accusing us of a "wooden, literal interpretation of Scripture."
2. ***A minister takes the Bible literally, except for the 28% that is prophetic.***
Many otherwise evangelical churches have adopted the strange idea, propounded by Augustine in the fifth century A.D., that the Bible should be taken literally except for the prophetic passages.
3. ***A minister receives his education from secular educators.***
Too many seminaries and even Christian colleges have employed professors and teachers on the merit of earned "accredited graduate degrees" from secular colleges, where the core educational program either was secular and hostile to God and the Bible, or simply ignored them altogether. Many of these professors ridicule those who would teach the divine nature of the Bible, particularly that of future prophecy.
4. ***A minister is not willing to do the hard work of studying God's word.***
The importance of sermon preparation was graphically illustrated to me one night after one of our many Family Life Seminars with Christian psychologist Dr. Henry Brandt. He never criticized his pastor privately to me except that night. I noticed he was heavy hearted when he blurted out, "My pastor never studies enough to minister to the needs of our congregation. Every week I go to church after rubbing shoulders with many needy people with the prayer, 'Oh, man of God, I need to hear a message from God today to inspire me to be a spiritual blessing in this mixed-up world of ours.' But my pastor doesn't study the Word enough to give us a powerful message from God." The pastor didn't last long at that church.
5. ***A minister isn't willing to be an avid reader.***
While it is important that we read extensively today, it is doubly important for pastors and teachers to not only read the writings of Spirit-filled men but more importantly, God's Word.
6. ***A minister is misguided by charlatans, zealots, and date setters.***
Another reason pulpits are often silent on prophecy is because of the abuse by some charlatans, misguided zealots and even founders of well-known false cults. Many of these have disregarded true prophecy teaching by setting dates that proved to be untrue and was forbidden by our Lord and His apostles outright.
7. ***A minister believes people are not interested in Bible prophecy.***
Some pastors believe the false idea that Christians are not interested in Bible prophecy. That notion may have been popular after World War II when peace was prominent, but that is long gone. We are living when "wars and rumors of wars" are on almost everyone's mind (Matt. 24:6).