

...in fact I had decided to do so, until last night, and for a second almost changed my mind about it, because last night I went to the Prayer Meeting the Glenside B. P. Church has in this building, and I heard a very excellent talk on the beginning of Revelation by Dr. Hedegard, and I was afraid that what I would give would suffer so much by comparison with what he gave, that it might be wiser for me not to do it, however, since only one of the students was present last night, at that meeting, rather two were present, and I think they're rather tolerant fellows, who perhaps will not judge me too severely, if I fall too much below the fine standard Dr. Hedegard has set, why I'm going to call your attention to some of the things in the book of Revelation this morning.

Now the book of Revelation is a book on which people have a tendency to go to extremes. There are a few people who have a tendency to constantly live in the book of Revelation, preach on it all the time, to be constantly be taken up with the details of some of the intricate portions of the book of Revelation. But compared with these few people who take that attitude toward the book of Revelation, there is a far larger number of people who completely neglect the book, and of the two attitudes, I don't think we should make any one book in the Bible a hobby that we devote ourselves to, out of proportion to its size and relative significance in the Bible, but of the two attitudes I think I prefer the overstressed to the understressed, and I think you will feel the same way too, if you will just look at three verses of the book, with me, for a minute.

Look at Rev.1.3. Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time is at hand. Dr. Hedegard pointed out last night that this word read is the word that is regularly used for the reading in the synagogue services, in the references to the synagogue. And therefore that this refers to reading as of special significance to the reading aloud, to the presentation in a public meeting. But what then of the minister who goes through twenty years of ministry and never reads from the book of Revelation. Surely he is missing a great blessing, for this is the only book I know of that lists a specific blessing