

Lesson 1 March 7, 2021

Prophet, Profit?

2020 has indeed been a year to remember. For many, it will be the year when life was forever changed by the pandemic. All areas of society were affected in one way or another, including the church.

Ralph and Betty have been faithful "churchgoers" all their lives. For them, not being able to attend church has been one of the most difficult aspects of social distancing. having so many preachers, teachers, and even self-proclaimed "prophets" online has been a big help—for the most part.

Ralph and Betty have been listening to prophets online with predictions concerning COVID-19 and politics. There have been some who prophesied that the pandemic itself was a hoax being used to get Christians to vote and believe in "God's choice" for various leadership positions. Many prophets assured the body of believers that God's choice would win and that all those who trust and believe should follow the voice of the modern-day prophets.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Is there such a thing as a modern-day prophet?
- 2. According to the Bible, how can we know a true prophet from a false one?
- 3. Are all preachers prophets?
- 4. Should Dr. King, Nelson Mandela, Maya Angelou, and others be considered prophets? Why or why not?