

But what the Lord is interested in is will He find us faithful as those Navigators were found when disaster struck. They were about the Lord's business. Will He find us when disaster strikes ~~x~~ with our eyes on the Saviour, with~~out~~ our realization of the mighty power of God who holds the whole world in His hands, and who controls all things ~~ix~~ and will never let anything come into our lives except as He has purposed it for our good and for the advancement of His kingdom.

Oh, ~~my~~ God lead us each one to give thought and attention to ~~ix~~ working out the precise details of what He wants us to do and may he enable us when He comes to be able to continue to keep our eyes on Him. Not to get all excited and frustrated and get everything mixed up but to know that God wants us to follow a straightforward course with our eyes on the Lord and our determination to do what he wants us to do.

Let's have a word of prayer: Our Father, as we think of this great sudden catastrophe of 40 years ago and as we read these passages in which you predict that such times will come to many people until that greatest of all catastrophes of which our Lord Jesus Christ predicted. Our God, when we think of these we think of the short few hours, days, or years that you give each of us and we pray you will enable us to use it as you would have us. Enable us to when he comes to look up and to say The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away, Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Enable us not to lose our heads when catastrophe comes; not to get excited and be unable to accomplish the things we should. But when they come to realize they could not come except you permitted them and you have a good purpose for us no matter what comes.

Lord ~~help~~ help us to become more conscious of your presence that among the foibles of human life and among the strange attitudes men take and the situations many of us have to face that you are in control and that you are interested in each aspect of our lives and the way we follow you.

Our God we pray you will hold us in your presence and draw us close to yourself and use us to your glory we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.