

he called Uniformitarianism trying to show this is a wrong approach. It seems to me that it is silly to divide our approach between Uniformitarianism and Catastrophism because both are true! God does many things in this universe -- the little, slow, gradual things there is no question of that. There is a uniform change going on all over the world. But at the same time there is a tremendous cataclysm that occurs. God acts in both ways. And God acts in that way in our lives.

There are some people who come to Christ because of the gradual influence of others upon them who know the Lord, and God brings the truth of their need of Christ to their attention. But there are others to whom He has to bring a crisis. He has to bring a situation like that which seems described here, where He has laid waste the ~~mountains~~ mountains and hills before they reach the point where they are ready to turn away from themselves and look to God for help. God works in different ways. Chaplain Edwards said: You cannot convert anybody, God converts them. But you can be God's instrument in presenting the Word of God. And you present the Word of Life and people seem absolutely uninterested! Don't feel you've wasted your time. Many many times someone has presented the Word of life and people have seemed absolutely to ignore it, and then God has brought trouble and difficulty into their lives and the time has come when in a time of despair and difficulty, God has brought to their ~~minds~~ minds the words you have said to them and the result has been that though you never heard of it perhaps God used your testimony in a way you had never dreamt of!

I was much impressed by the story of two different situations during the last war. Two cases where planes were downed in the Pacific ocean. In one of those cases there were several men in a life raft for a period of a week ~~or~~ or 10 days. During that time one member of the group who was an earnest Christian pulled out his testament and from the Scripture testified to the others and from that group there have individuals gone out to spend their lives to serve the Lord. Another group fell into the Pacific and was in a life raft for a week or 10 days, and during that time they cried out in misery, O if only God would deliver me I would live a different kind of life; if only I could only get out I would quite all my sins. And a month later after they were rescued most of them were dead drunk. There was ~~nobody~~ on hand to give them a testimony and nobody had given it to them before in a way that would make an impression on their minds.

But now we have a very special problem in this passage here. We have the problem that ch.42:13-15 comes right in the same in the same chapter as that marvelous picture at the beginning of the ch. that looks forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus. "Behold my servant whom I uphold, mine elect in whom my soul delights. I have put my spirit upon him, he shall bring forth justice to the nations. He shall not cry, nor lift up nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets." How different from the one who roars and cries out in battle cry, cries like a travailing woman! He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench. This one who is serving the Lord