

Graham Talks of A Cataclysm

Washington

Preaching at the White House, Billy Graham talked yesterday of fears that a cataclysmic hurricane soon will engulf the earth but said observance of Christ's teachings "can reverse the tide."

Presiding at his fifth White House worship service, the evangelist told President Nixon and 270 high ranking guests, "We must alter our course if we are going to see many more Christmas seasons as a free people."

Graham went on: "We must reorder our priorities.

We must remake the unjust structures that have taken advantage of the powerless and broken the hearts of the poor and the dispossessed."

At the outset, Graham described 1973 as "one of the most convulsive years in American history" citing among other things "the fury of Watergate." He said:

"The symptoms of unrest and trouble are not confined to the United States. They are worldwide. Almost everyone I talk to seems to sense that a hurricane is about to break on the world of cataclysmic proportions."

Most of the guests at the half hour East Room service were members of the cabinet and members of the Senate and House, most of them conservatives and a large proportion from the South.

Graham, one of the President's closest friends, was making his first appearance at a White House worship service since last January after Mr. Nixon's second inauguration and before the Watergate scandal reached crisis proportions. He interrupted a crusade in Europe to sepak at the special White House pre-Christmas service at Mr. Nixon's request.

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