

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

John Rippon's "A Selection of Hymns" / FOUNDATION



1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to ye he hath said,
you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?
2. Fear not, he is with ye, O be not dismayed,
for he is thy God, and will still give thee aid;
he'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters he calls thee to go,
the rivers of grief shall not thee overflow;
for he will be with thee in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to thee, thy deepest distress.
4. The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
he will not, he can not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
he never will leave, he will never forsake!

Inspiration: Isaiah 41: 10, 43: 2; Romans 8: 3-39; Hebrews 13: 5; Deuteronomy 31: 6.

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Music: SAINT DENIO (JOANNA); traditional Welsh melody; adapted in John Roberts' "Canaidau y Cyssegr" ("Hymns of the Sanctuary"), 1839.