

# How Firm a Foundation

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**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 you He hath  
said,**

**To you who for refuge  
to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with  
thee;**

**O be not dismayed,**

**For I am thy God,  
and will still give thee  
aid;**

**I'll strengthen thee,  
help thee, and cause  
thee to stand,**

**Upheld by My  
righteous, omnipotent  
hand.**

**“When through fiery  
trials  
thy pathway shall lie,**

**My grace, all-sufficient,  
shall be thy supply;**

**The flame shall not hurt  
thee;  
I only design**

**Thy dross to consume  
and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus  
hath leaned for repose**

**I will not, I will not  
desert to his foes;**

**That soul, though all  
hell  
should endeavor to  
shake,**

**I'll never, no, never,  
no, never forsake!"**