

How Firm a Foundation 612

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid. 1 Cor. 3:11

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fier-y tri-als thy path-way shall lie,
5. "The soul that on Je-sus still leans for re- pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex-cel-lent word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv-ers of sor-row shall not o-ver-flow;
my grace, all suf-fi-cient, shall be thy sup-ply;
I will not, I will not de-sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be with thee, thy trou-bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee, I on-ly de-sign
that soul, though all hell should en-deav-or to shake,

to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
and sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.
thy dross to con-sume, and thy gold to re-fine.
I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake!"