

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

WORDS: JOHN RIPPON, 1787

1 - HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YOU SAINTS OF THE LORD,
IS LAID FOR OUR FAITH IN HIS EXCELLENT WORD!
WHAT MORE CAN HE SAY THAN TO US HE HAS SAID,
TO US, WHO FOR REFUGE TO JESUS CHRIST HAVE FLED?

2 - FEAR NOT, I AM WITH YOU, O BE NOT DISMAYED,
FOR I AM YOUR GOD AND I STILL WILL GIVE YOU AID;
I'LL STRENGTHEN. I'LL HELP YOU, AND CAUSE YOU TO STAND
UPHELD BY MY GRACIOUS, OMNIPOTENT HAND.

3 - WHEN THROUGH THE DEEP WATERS I CALL YOU TO GO,
THE RIVERS OF SORROW SHALL NOT OVERFLOW;
FOR I WILL BE WITH YOU, YOUR TROUBLE TO BLESS,
AND SANCTIFY TO YOU, YOUR DEEPEST DISTRESS.

4 - WHEN THROUGH FIERY TRIALS OUR PATHWAY SHALL LIE,
HIS GRACE, HIS GRACE SUFFICIENT, SHALL BE OUR SUPPLY;
THE FLAME SHALL NOT HARM US; HE ONLY DESIGNS
OUR DROSS TO CONSUME, AND OUR GOLD TO REFINE.

5 - THE SOUL THAT ON JESUS HAS LEANED FOR REPOSE,
HE WILL NOT, HE WILL NOT DESERT TO OUR FOES;
THAT SOUL, THOUGH ALL HELL SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO SHAKE,
HE SAID: I'LL NEVER, NO I'LL NEVER, NO I'LL NEVER—NEVER FORSAKE!

