

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4. "When through fier - y tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5. "The souls that on Je - sus have leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe ov - er you shall not flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply:
 I will not, I will not de - sert to their foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be near you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 those souls, 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 you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: Early American melody from Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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This hymn, of anonymous English authorship, found its greatest success in America where it was sung to the tune FOUNDATION, particularly in southern Methodist and Baptist churches.

Seek Ye First

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Descant

Al - - le - - lu - - ia, al - -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and

le - - lu - - ia, al - - le - -

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

lu - - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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This text is based on Matthew 6:33, which asks us to put our priorities straight.

SEEK YE FIRST
Irr.

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