

Calligraphy Class Two

Hymn.

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
 You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, — in sickness, in health,
 In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth
 At home and abroad, on the land on the sea
 As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismay'd
 I, 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 thro' the deep waters I call thee to go
 The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
 For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
 And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When thro' 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.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love
 And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn
 Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus hath lean'd for repose
 I will not, I will not, desert to his foes
 That soul tho' all hell should endeavour to shake
 I'll never, no never no never forsake.

This hymn was "repeated by a person above 90 years of age, to a lady above 80 years of age".

This handwriting has more flourishes and some letters are very similar though it is still quite clear to read.



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Could you read any of the writing?

Remember the last calligraphy class? Practice and write down below any words or letters you could pick out.

Sometimes, documents themselves can make it more difficult to read them due to the way they're laid out or because of what they are. As this is a hymn, it uses some odd abbreviations and old language, this can make it harder to figure out what the words are.

Using the verse below we will pick out some of the more flourished or difficult letters to practice with.

*'When thro' the deep waters I call thee to go
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'For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
'and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*



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Now, we will try practicing some words taken from the following two verses.

'Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismay'd
'I, 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 thro' the deep waters I call thee to go
'The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow
'For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless
'and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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'For 'For 'For 'For 'For

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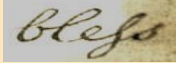
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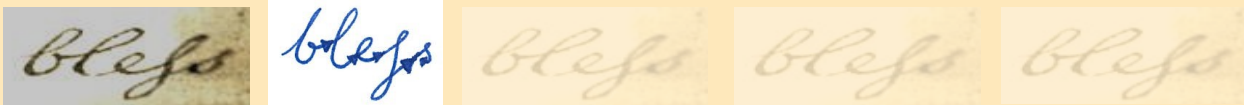
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'Fear 'Fear 'Fear 'Fear 'Fear

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Finally, we will look at some of the more unusual or abbreviated words, that may have some odd letters.

For example, this word  is actually the word "bless" but the first 's' is written a little differently.



This next word is an abbreviation of a word you don't see often, can you guess what it is? If you're struggling, look at the words around it to see if that helps.

