



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden
From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God

God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Scripture

Reflections from the Old Testament on not being shaken.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Psalms 16:8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Psalms 21:7 For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 62:5-8 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah

Psalms 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalms 125:1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

Hymn below based on these Scriptures:

Psalm 1:3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Jeremiah 17:8–9 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

I Shall Not Be Moved

An old African American Spiritual.

At YouTube type “I Shall Not Be Moved” and hear several versions.

Here is a link to a version of the song sung by Johnny Cash:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNfr0D0HcBY>

Glory hallelujah, I shall not be moved
Anchored in Jehovah, I shall not be moved
Just like the tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved [Chorus]

In His love abiding, I shall not be moved
And in Him confiding, I shall not be moved
Just like the tree that's planted by the water
I shall not be moved [Chorus]

Chorus:

I shall not be, I shall not be moved;
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
Lord, I shall not be moved.

Though all Hell assail me, I shall not be moved
Jesus will not fail me, I shall not be moved
Just like the tree that's planted by the water
I shall not be moved [Chorus]

Though the tempest rages, I shall not be moved
On the rock of ages, I shall not be moved
Just like the tree that's planted by the water
I shall not be moved [Chorus]

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Holy Father, this world of ours is shaking, the foundations are being shaken. You are showing us the futility of everything we put our faith and trust in outside of yourself. And if we are willing to admit the truth, this is actually grace. This is one of your ways of showing us you love us. You don't want us to go on trusting things that offer no hope and no eternal life. You are exposing all the idols of our world and our lives. The idols of our comfortable American way of life, of our convenience and ease and worldly pleasures, of our false sense of security in our ability to control our futures, to come and go as we please without any thought of your will. You have exposed the idols of money and security and health. You are revealing how much of our lives are built on sand and not on rock.

You alone are our rock, our fortress, our strong tower, and your Word says that this is what the righteous run to. When the foundations of our lives are shaken, we see more clearly that Jesus is our Rock and the wise man builds his life on Him and Him alone. Jesus, increasingly become our eternal foundation.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.