



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 New Testament on not being shaken.

Matthew 6:26, 31-32 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

Matthew 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Acts 2:25 For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken.

II Corinthians 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

1 Peter 3:14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.

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.

I Shall Not Be Moved

Another version of an old African American Spiritual.

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

Jesus is my Savior, I shall not be moved;
In His love and favor, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
Lord, 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.

In my Christ abiding, I shall not be moved;
In His love I'm hiding, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
Lord, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*

If I trust Him ever, I shall not be moved;
He will fail me never, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
Lord, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*

On His word I'm feeding, I shall not be moved;
He's the One that's leading, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,
Lord, 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.

"Kept by God"

A prayer from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers*

JEHOVAH GOD,
Creator, Upholder, Proprietor of all things,
I cannot escape from your presence or control,
nor do I desire to do so.
My privilege is to be under the agency of
omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom,
patience, mercy, grace.

You are love with more than parental affection;
I admire your heart, adore your wisdom,
stand in awe of your power, abase myself before
your purity.

It is the discovery of your goodness alone that can
banish my fear,
allure me into your presence,
help me to bewail and confess my sins.

When I review my past guilt
and am conscious of my present unworthiness
I tremble to come to you,
I whose foundation is in the dust,
I who have condemned your goodness,
defied your power,
trampled upon your love,
rendered myself worthy of eternal death.

But my recovery cannot spring from any cause in me,
I can destroy but cannot save myself.

Yet you have laid help on One that is mighty,
for there is mercy with you,
and exceeding riches in your kindness
through Jesus.

May I always feel my need of him.

Let your restored joy be my strength;

May it keep me from lusting after the world,
bear up heart and mind in loss of comforts,
enliven me in the valley of death,
work in me the image of the heavenly,
and give me to enjoy the first fruits of spirituality,
such as angels and departed saints know.