

*“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58*

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## **“Just Like A Tree: Our Anthem & Victory Cry”**

In *Psalm 1:1-3*, the Bible reads, ***“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, & on his law he meditates day & night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, & its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers”***.

One of my favorite hymns is **“I Shall Not Be Moved.”**

- Verse 1 – Glory hallelujah! I shall not be moved. Anchored in Jehovah! I shall not be moved. Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved!
- Verse 2 – In His love abiding! I shall not be moved. And in Him confiding! I shall not be moved. Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved!
- Verse 3 – Though all hell assail me! I shall not be moved. Jesus will not fail me! I shall not be moved. Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved!
- Verse 4 – Though the tempest rages! I shall not be moved. On the Rock of Ages! I shall not be moved. Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved!

This song is the anthem of anyone who is excited about being in the presence of God. When we are in God, we experience the salvation, glory, & refuge, which can only be found in Him (*Psalms 62:7*). Even the hypocrites acknowledged our Lord trusted in God (*Matthew 27:43*) & as a result

of Jesus' trust in God, did not our God deliver Him (*Matthew 28:2-6*)? We have something to shout & be excited about because for as long as we are in God, we are unmoved by the things He is unmoved by.

This song is the victory cry to all who have experienced & appreciates the love of God. God loved us so much, He sent His son Jesus to die, so we may lay hold to eternal life (*John 3:16*). We confide in Him & are unmoved by suffering, affliction, tribulation, calamity, distress, persecution, hunger, destitution, peril, & the sword because He freely & graciously gives us all things (**Romans 8:32**). If God is for us, who can be against us? (**Romans 8:31**).

*– Antoine N. Holloway*