

Saturday - February 25

"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Job 19:23 (ESV)

This might sound crazy, but I see God in books. My favorite thing to do is curl up and read. And not a "good for me," or "I can learn something" kind of book, but fiction books that are purely entertaining. I am always reading, but when I tell people what I read, I always qualify them as books that will teach me nothing. I mean, I don't read biographies or history, and I'm horrible about keeping up with current events. But ask me about a Nora Roberts, Robyn Carr, Janet Evanovich, or J.A. Jance book, and I can talk all day!

So it always surprises me and warms my heart when I read something and think, "that sounds like something I'd read in the Bible." I've had it happen frequently. The Harry Potter books come to mind. Now I know many people will disagree with this and I don't want to debate with you, but I feel like there is a God throughout the series. A divine one who is watching and overseeing all that is happening with Harry. The Chronicles of Narnia is another series that comes to mind. Aslan, the lion, exudes my image of God. I love that for Christians, you can see God in these books, and for anyone who doesn't yet know Christ, they are first introduced to Him within these pages.

Thank goodness for books. Thank God for them! They give us differing points of view about so many things. And they give us things to think about and debate different ways to look at the world. Books are a way to introduce people to God and to share his word.

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Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of the written word, in so many forms. It is a wonderful way to reach people, no matter where they are on their journey with You. Amen.