

Thats The Book For Me **Psalm 119:1-8**

The B I B L E

Recent readings brought a couple of songs to mind.
Planning to look at some songs first of each month
Wanted to start year with thoughts on Bible reading
Lesson will combine two

The Songs

Title from children's song

The B I B L E, Yes that's the book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God. The B I B L E
Also heard, I read and study and then obey

The only book I need is God's Word! - **2Timothy 3:14-17; 2:15**

In our Books

Give me the Bible Author: Priscilla J. Owens

Give me the Bible, star of gladness gleaming, To cheer the wand'rer lone and tempest tossed, No storm can hide that radiance peaceful beaming, Since Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
Give me the Bible, when my heart is broken, When sin and grief have filled my soul with fear; Give me the precious words by Jesus spoken, Hold up faith's lamp to show my Savior near.
Give me the Bible, all my steps enlighten, Teach me the danger of these realms below; That lamp of safety o'er the gloom shall brighten, That light alone the path of peace can show.
Give me the Bible, lamp of life immortal, Hold up that splendor by the open grave; Show me the light from heaven's shining portal, Show me the glory gilding Jordan's wave.
Give me the Bible, Holy message shining; Thy light shall guide me in the narrow way, Precept and promise, law and love combining, Till night shall vanish in eternal day.

Speaks of the Bible as a light to guide our way.

When we are lost in a storm - It lights the way to safety - **Mark 4:37-41; Luke 19:10**

When we are torn with sorrow and fear - It lights our way to healing - **1Peter 4:12-13; Hebrews 2:1-4**

When we are stumbling among this world's dangers - It lights the path to peace - **2Corinthians 4:3-6; Ephesians 1:16-21; Matthew 7:13-14**

When we walk the end of our path here - It lights our way home - **1Corinthians 15:20-24; Titus 1:1-3**

Light of God's Word will guide. Shines vivid path to Heaven - **Psalm 119:49-56, 129-136; John 1:1-4, 9-14**

Read Your Bible

Read it all so you can get a 'big picture' view of what God is saying

Read it daily so it will remain fresh in your mind as you go about your business

Read it slowly so you can think through what each passage is teaching

Read it in small sections so you can get the message intended by each writer

Read it topically, read it chronologically, read it as a series of separate writings on a common theme

Read it with Prayer!

Pray before you read. Pray after you read. Pray while you read.

Pray for understanding. Pray for wisdom. Pray for knowledge.

Read it aloud. Read it alone. Read it together. Read it in silence.

Read it when you are overwhelmed to find peace

Read it when you are confused to see the way

Read it when you are in sorrow & grief to find hope

Read it when you are down or depressed to find joy

The best plan for reading the Bible

1. Set aside a time to read the Bible
2. Read the Bible during that time.

One More Song

The World's Bible Author: Annie Johnson Flint

Christ has no hands but our hands To do His work today, He has no feet but our feet To lead men
in His way; He has no tongue but our tongues To tell men how He died, He has no help but our
help To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible The careless world will read, We are the sinner's gospel, We are the
scoffers' creed; We are the Lord's last message Given in deed and word, What if the type is
crooked? What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy With other things than His? What if our feet are walking Where sin's
allurement is? What if our tongues are speaking Of things His life would spurn, How can we
hope to help Him And welcome His return?

You are a bible to your neighbors

You are a bible to your co-workers

You are a bible to your descendants

What do they see?

Are you filled with the Word of God to the point that it shows?

Read & Study The Word

IT MATTERS!

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