

“Obey and Forgive”

Open Your Life To
God’s Power and Provision

1 John 3:21-22, (NIV)

21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God

22 and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

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- ❑ Obedience is essential for prayer.
- ❑ Obedience is not a trade-off.
- ❑ Obedience is not a way to get God in our debt so that He owes us something.
- ❑ Obedience is not a favor we do for God.

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Disobedience
dulls our spiritual
senses.



Hebrews 5:11, (NLT)

There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.

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- Disobedience does not change truth.
- Disobedience blurs and limits my power as an intercessor to see spiritual realities.
- Disobedience darkens thoughts.

Jesus' Statement To His Enemies

43 Why is my language not clear to you?

Because you are unable to hear what I say.

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.

He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him.

John 8:43-44, (NIV)

Obedience That Will Bring Power in Prayer

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:10, (NIV)

Mark 11:25, (NIV)

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Failing to forgive
anyone for anything
is closing the
door on God.



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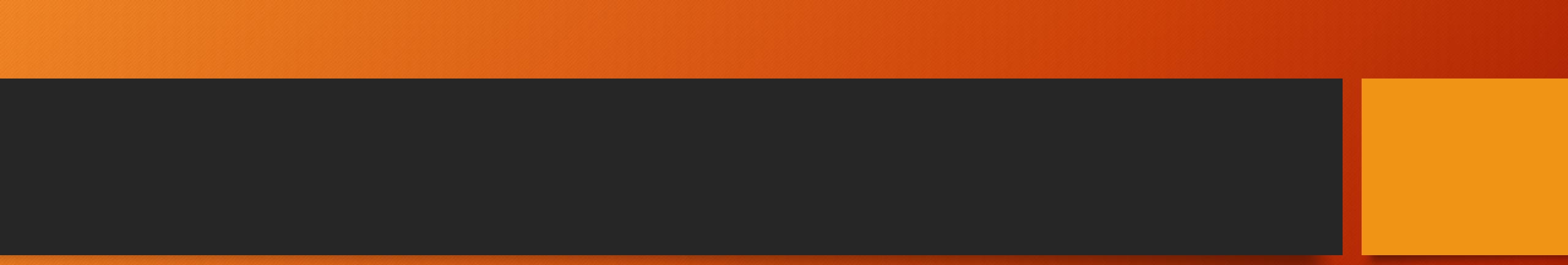
“If we, as intercessors, are to be the channels of God’s will into the world, we cannot clog the channels with anger and bitterness.”

James 3:14-16, (NKJV)

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.



“Unforgiveness gives the enemy, Satan, an opportunity to carry out his schemes.”

2 Corinthians 2:10-11, (NIV)

10 If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him.

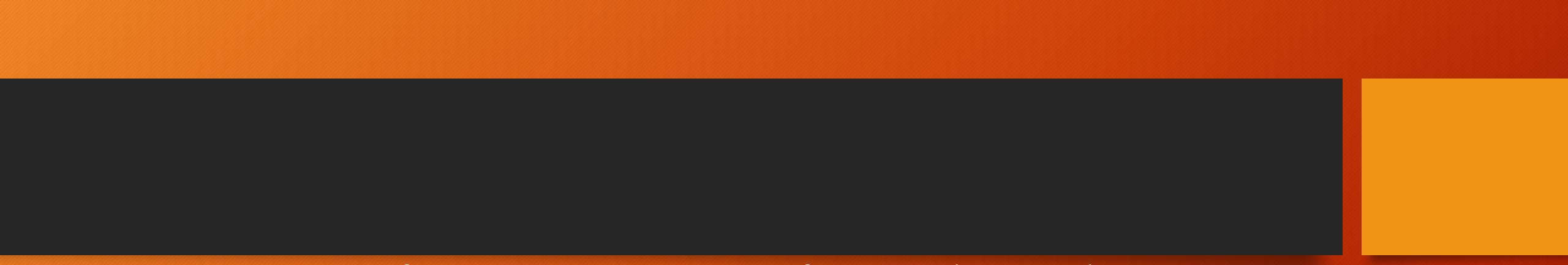
And what I have forgiven — if there was anything to forgive — I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,

11 in order that Satan might not outwit us.

For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Romans 3:23, (NIV)

For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God.



Any action or attitude that causes you to miss out on the full glory of God or anything that causes you to be less than who you were created to be; God calls “sin.”

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Will you be a slave to anger and bitterness, which will lead to your own destruction?

Or will you forgive and be freed from the too-heavy, emotionally crippling burden of anger?

Ephesians 4:31-32, (NIV)

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Psalm 119:131

Father, I open my life to You. Search me, know my thoughts. Try me, know my ways.

Show me any wrong direction in my life. Put my feet back on Your path. I will settle for nothing less than all You have for me. Therefore, I forsake every wrong way. Lead me the everlasting way.

“I open my mouth and pant, long for your commands.”

In Jesus’ name!