

A WEEKLY WORD

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Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 *or Psalm 150* • Revelation 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31

John 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Do you know that it is a sin to take offence? Offence and unforgiveness separate us from God. Offence is called the Bait of Satan in a book of the same name by John Bevere. When we refuse to forgive another for an offence, we are essentially holding ourselves ransom to that offence.

I attended a seminar many years ago where this was one of the topics for discussion. I wasn't aware prior to that what an effect offence can have on our physical being as well as our spiritual health. Harboring offence can cause us to be angry and bitter which has a detrimental effect on our wellbeing. Harboring offence can cause prayers to go unanswered.

Are you holding onto something unforgiven today? Take a bit of time and ask God to reveal to you anything that might be forgotten or buried. You will never feel so light as when you have released that offence to God and asked Him to look after it for you.

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men.