**Key Quotes Analysis - Chapter 23 Sample Answers**

**Directions:** Read each quote below and identify its speaker and the character(s) who relate to it. Then, circle the theme(s) listed in the Themes Key that apply to each quote. Some quotes may lack a direct speaker (such as if the quote is an unnamed narrator) or have no related characters. In those cases it is fine to leave the “Speaker” or “Related character(s)” fields blank.

Note: There isn’t always a definitive set of “correct” answers for the Related Characters and Related Themes below. Answers that differ from the ones we propose below shouldn’t automatically be treated as incorrect, and can serve as great discussion starters!

**Themes Key**

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| 1 | Gender Roles |
| 2 | Religion and Theocracy |
| 3 | Fertility |
| 4 | Rebellion |
| 5 | Love |
| 6 | Storytelling and Memory |

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| But remember that forgiveness too is a power. To beg for it is a power, and to withhold or bestow it is a power, perhaps the greatest. Maybe none of this is about control…maybe it’s about who can do what to whom and be forgiven for it. | Speakers: Offred |
| Related character(s): |
| Related Themes:   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |