

SERMON NOTES

Title: Life in the Catbird Seat
Text: 1 Peter 2:11-25
Subject: Sanctification
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Introduction:

- A. When I was a child, one of our favorite games was *King on the Mountain*.
- B. When you're in the Catbird Seat it is not unusual to find that there are people who would like to dethrone you.
[Peter 2:11-25](#)

Body:

- I. Consider the lifestyle of the Catbird Seat.
 - A. This world system demands that whoever is in a position of advantage be prestigious and self-asserting.
 - B. Jesus is our example.
 - C. Life in the Catbird Seat must be a life of humble integrity.
- II. Self-discipline and goodness characterize our lifestyle.
 - A. Abstain from sinful desires.
 - B. We now have a lifestyle of goodness that is defined by the goodness of Jesus Spirit who lives in us.
- III. Life in the Catbird seat is a life of submission.
 - A. Submission is also just the opposite of one who lives in a position of advantage.
 - B. For example we are called upon to submit to the governing authorities. (13-14)
[1 Peter 2:13-17 \(NIV\)](#)
 - C. Likewise we are to submit to masters.
[1 Samuel 15:23 \(NASB\)](#)
[1 Peter 2:18-20 \(NIV\)](#)
 - D. It is in this very situation that the model of Jesus is most helpful to us.
[1 Peter 2:21-25 \(NIV\)](#)

Conclusion:

- A. The Catbird Seat is no place for pride, arrogance or self-exaltation.
- B. Is He your Savior today?