

## SERMON NOTES

Title: Makin' Harmony in the Catbird's Seat  
Text: 1 Peter 3:8-12  
Subject: Accountability  
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### I. Here is a portrait of the perfect church.

- A. A perfect church is a church that lives in harmony.
- B. In a perfect church the members are sympathetic to one another.  
**Romans 12:15** (NIV)
- C. In a perfect church the members love as brothers.
- D. In a perfect church the members are compassionate.
- E. And a perfect church has members that are humble.

### II. Peter now turns his attention to the way we should relate to the hostile world around us.

- A. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.
- B. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult but with blessing.  
**Matthew 5:43-48** (NIV)

### III. We were called to this that we might inherit a blessing.

- A. For whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.
- B. Peter quotes from David's Psalm 34:12-16.
- C. We turn from evil and do good.

Conclusion:

- A. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer.
- B. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.