

SERMON NOTES

Title: Sittin' Humbly in the Catbird's Seat
Text: 1 Peter 5:1-14
Subject: Humility (Elders)
Date: 4/29/07

Introduction:

-----1 Peter 5-----

Body:

I. Peter brings three words together in our text to help us understand who elders are, what they do, and what characterizes the way they carry out their ministry.

- A. Elder – (πρεσβυτερος)
- B. Shepherd (ποιμαινω)
- C. Overseers (επισκοπεω)

II. Obviously the character of an elder would be all-important.

- A. His motivation for being an elder is critical.
- B. Notice that the Chief Shepherd is expected to appear.

III. Young men in the same way be submissive to those who are older.

- A. In the same way means with the same measure of selflessness.
- B. The crowning trait of all Christians is named for us in this passage – humility.
[1 Peter 5:5-7 \(NIV\)](#)
- C. “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
[Psalm 8:3-4 \(NIV\)](#)

IV. Our enemy is not other people.

[1 Peter 5:8-9 \(NIV\)](#)

- A. Our enemy is the devil.
- B. Resist him
- C. We stand firm in our faith because we know that our God will restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.

Conclusion:

- A. To Him be power forever and ever, Amen
- B. So stand fast in the true grace of God