

## Who Can Judge the World?

- I. B. Russel - Hell = "Doctrine of Cruelty"
- II. What Does the Reality of Hell Say About God?
  - A. Can God be called "good" if He sends people to Hell?
  - B. Why do people suffer eternally if their crimes (sins) are finite?
- III. The Reality of Evil
  - A. Pol Pot - Leader of the Khmer Rouge
    1. By 1979 approximately 1.5 - 3 million people died at their hands (Killing Fields)
    2. Cruel Torture - beyond belief
    3. Pol Pot - died in his sleep at age 72 - Never expressed remorse; never faced justice . . .
  - B. What about those who have committed terrible crimes and have never been found out?
  - C. Should all people, everywhere answer for the offenses they've committed?
  - D. Who has the Perogative - Power - Right to dispense justice?
- IV. God is Uniquely the Only Being Who is Able to Determine What is Evil and to Carry Out Appropriate Justice
- V. God's Presence and Judgment
  - A. He is omni-present
    1. Everywhere at all times
    2. An eyewitness to all things
    3. There is no place where He is not fully present
      - a) Jeremiah 23:23-24
      - b) Psalm 139:7-10
      - c) 2 Chronicles 16:9
      - d) Matthew 12:36 - He has heard every word ever spoken (whisper) - knows every intention of the heart (\_\_\_\_\_)

### **Implications:**

- B. God's Knowledge and Judgment
  1. He is all-knowing (onmiscient)
  2. He knows all things perfectly - Past - Present - Future
  3. Nothing is not known - hidden

4. Hebrews 4:13
5. Psalm 44:20-21; 139:4
6. 1 John 3:20
7. He knows us intimately
  - a) Matthew 10:30
  - b) Psalm 139:13
8. He cannot be deceived or convinced that an action was good when it was not...

C. God's Power in Judgment

1. Is sovereign over all creation and all will give an account to Him.
2. He created all things and so is absolutely authoritative over all things, at all times
  - a) Genesis 1
  - b) Psalm 147:4-5
  - c) Exodus 32:10
  - d) Proverbs 19:21
  - e) Job 42:2
  - f) Psalm 103:19
  - g) 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
3. He's the only one capable of upholding true justice...

D. God's Eternality and Judgment

1. He existed before the foundation of the world - Uncreated Creator
  - a) Ephesians 1:3-9
2. There has never been a time when He did not exist
  - a) Job 36:22; Isaiah 40:28
3. Eternality qualifies Him to Judge all things, as He was before all things

E. God's Immutability and Judgment

1. He does not - cannot change
2. He will always be the same
  - a) Psalm 102:25-27
3. His disposition towards evil will never change
4. He will not become complacent towards wickedness