



**What was the most exciting thing  
you did this summer?**







# Goals for the year...

- 1.) To grow in faith through the study of God's Word
- 2.) To learn how to read and apply God's Word to ourselves

# How are we going to do that....?

- 1.) Read sections of God's Word before class and review in class
- 2.) Note what we found amazing (anything!)
- 3.) Ask questions/Find answers
- 4.) Apply it to our lives

# PRAYER



# THE BIBLE AND ITS TWO MAIN TEACHINGS



**WHAT IS THE BIBLE AND HOW  
DO WE UNDERSTAND IT?**

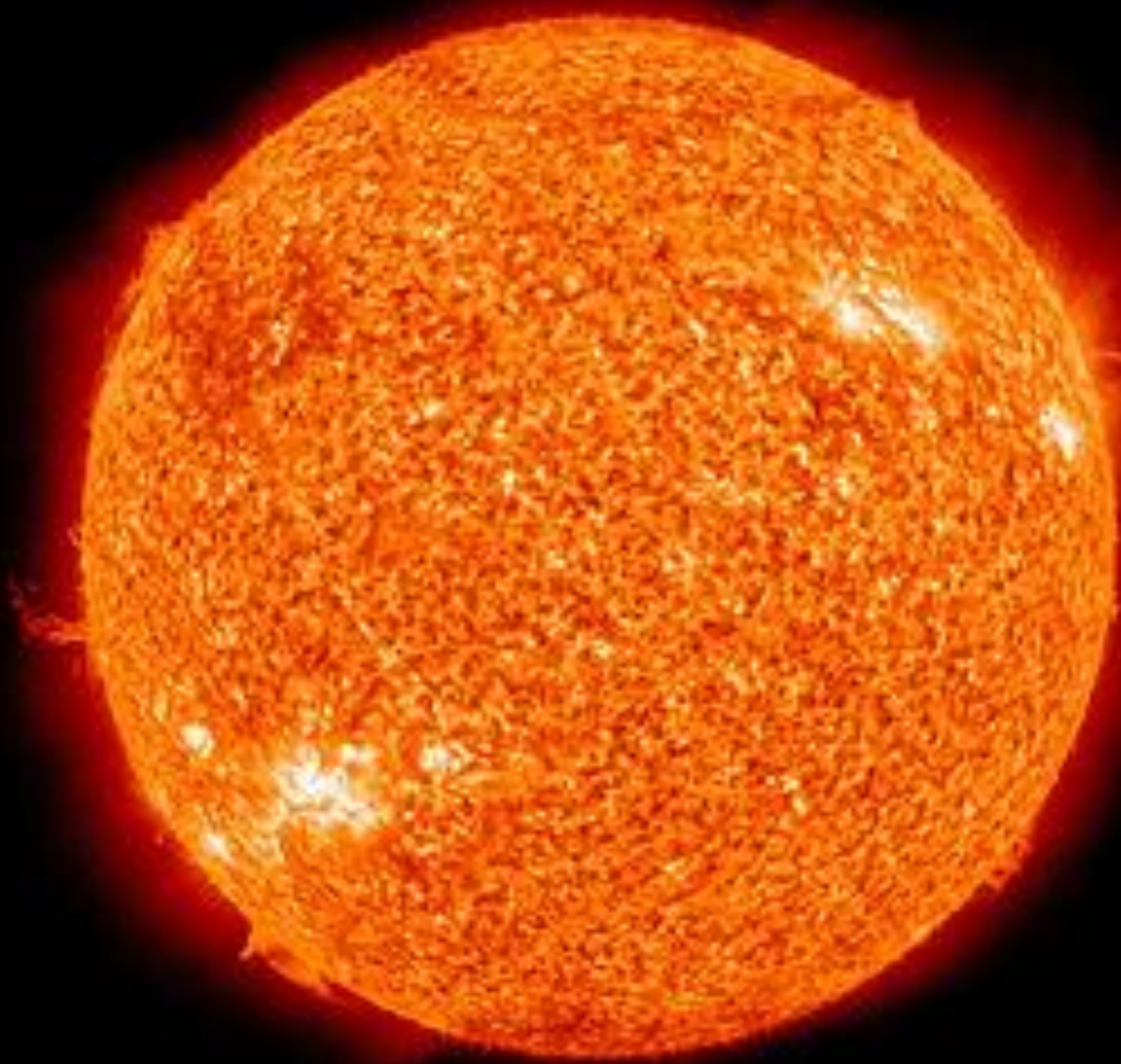


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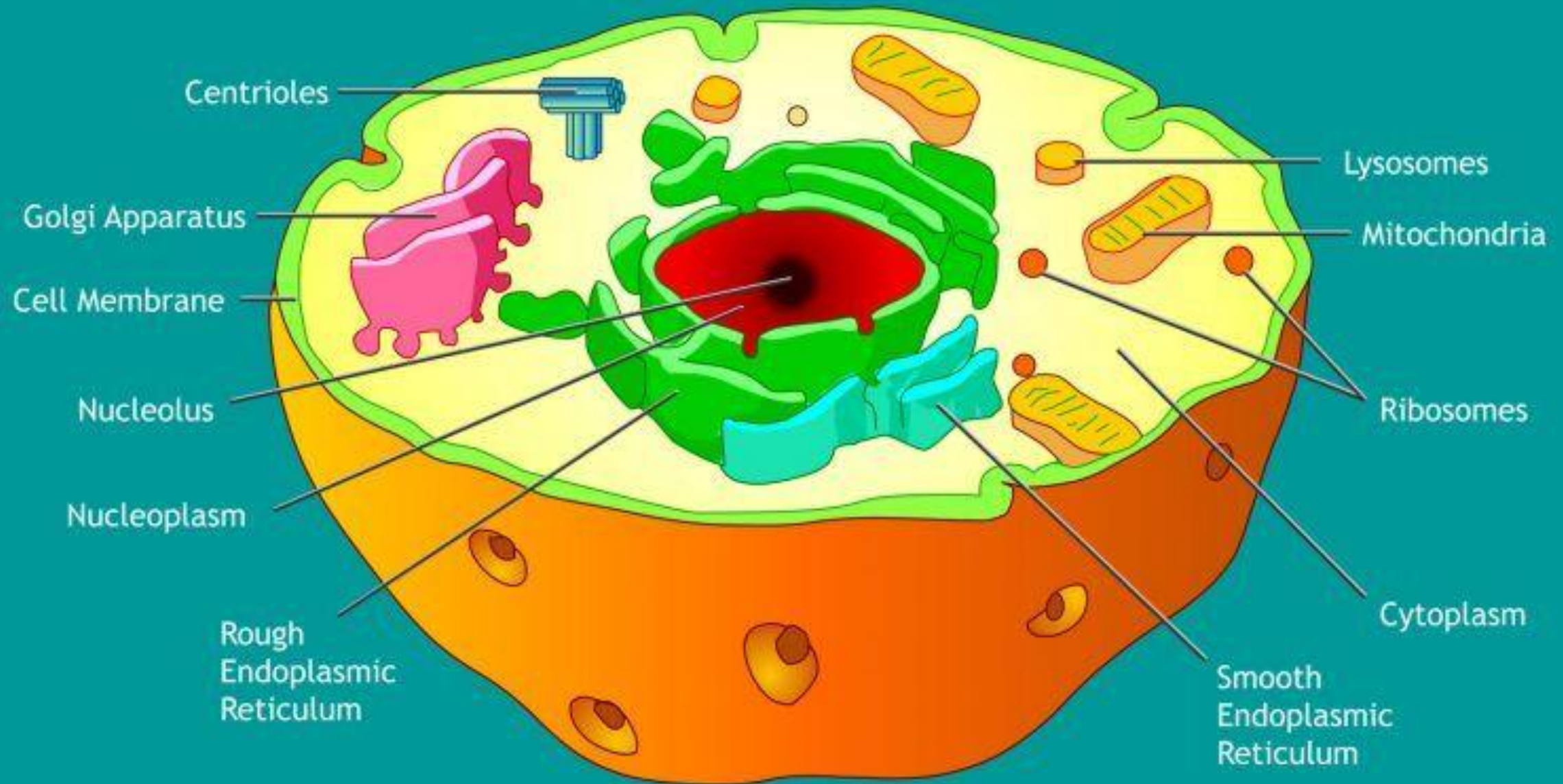
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# Human Cell





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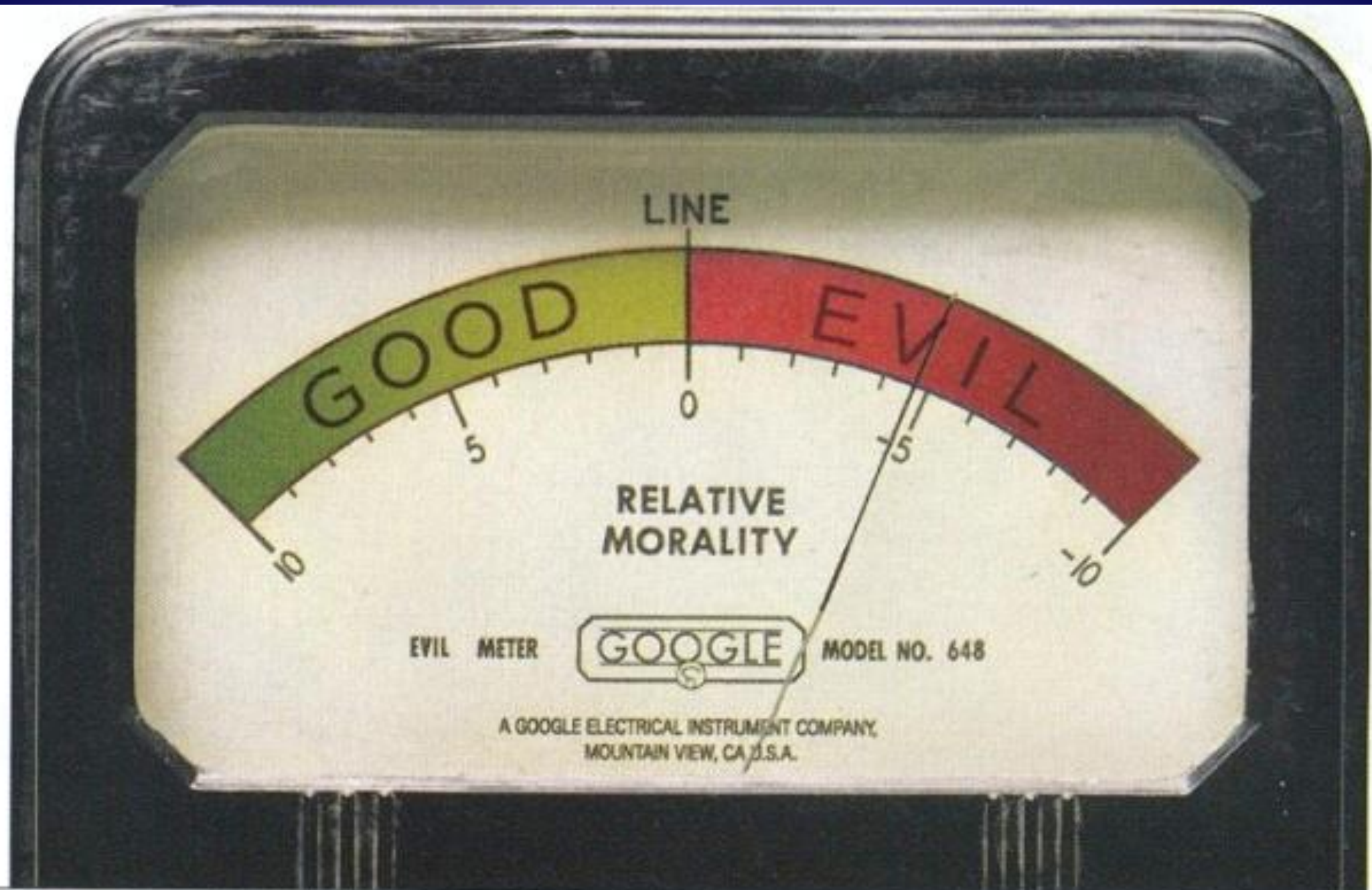


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b.) Our CONSCIENCE tells us when we've done GOOD or EVIL and that we deserve PUNISHMENT from God.

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That Pastor  
Roloff is alright!



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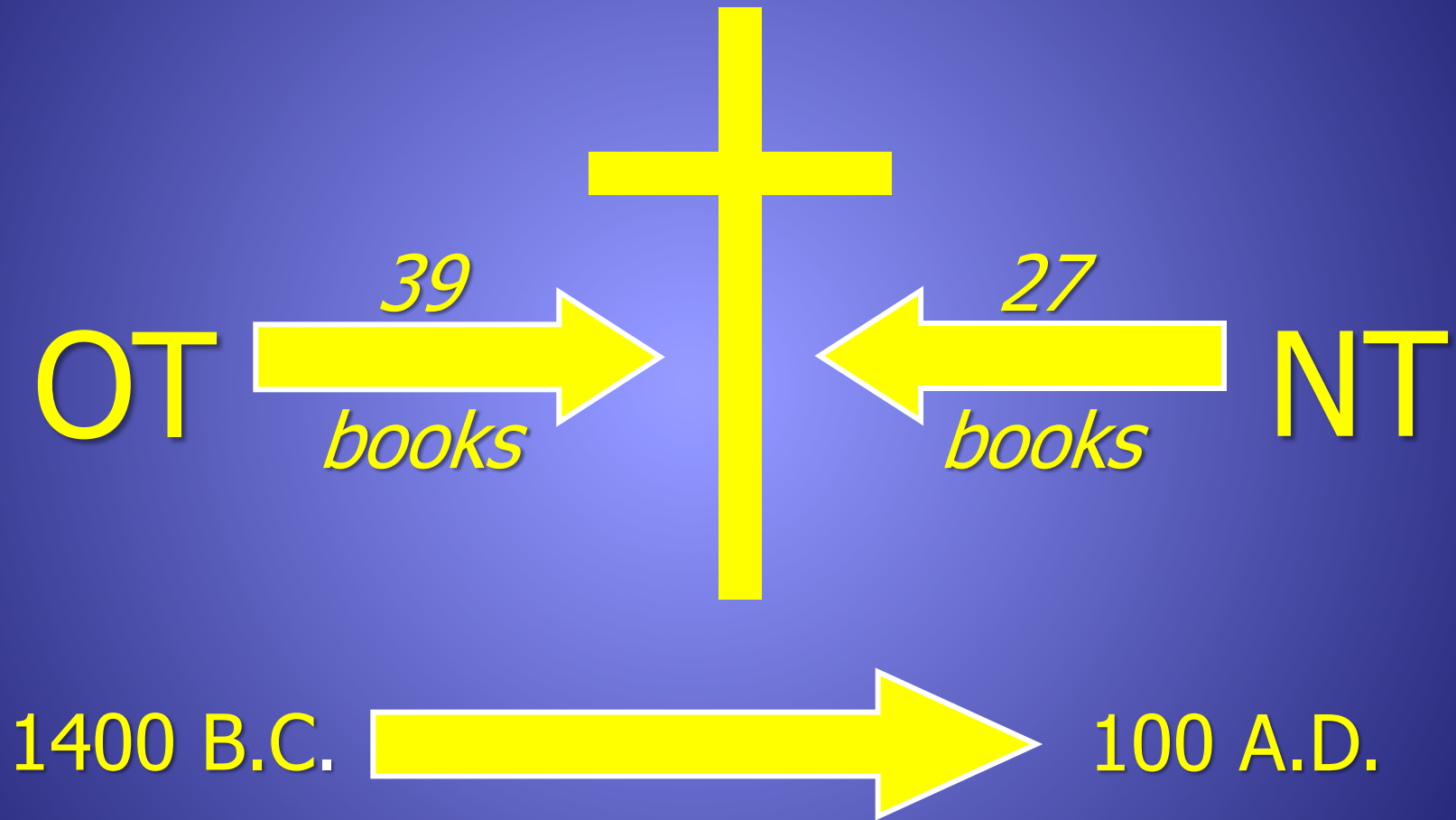
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c.) The BIBLE alone tells us WHO GOD IS and HOW HE HAS SAVED US in Jesus Christ.



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# Old Testament Written in Hebrew

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# New Testament written in Greek

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<sup>22</sup>God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

<sup>23</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their

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# How do we understand what the Bible says?

a.) The Bible has two main teachings the LAW and the GOSPEL.

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a.) The Law teaches us that ALL PEOPLE have FAILED to reach God's perfect standard.

b.) So we deserve GOD'S PUNISHMENT, DEATH, and HELL.



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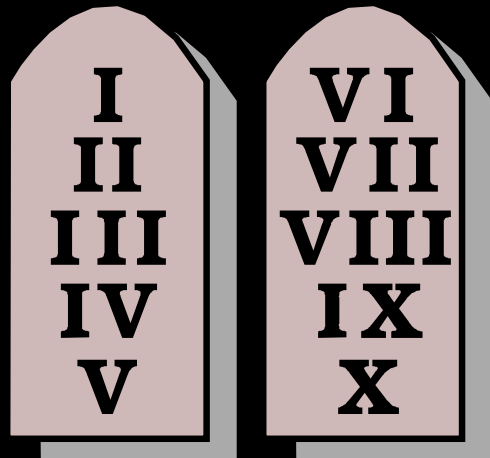


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b.) By trusting in Jesus God gives us ETERNAL LIFE as a free gift.

# THE LAW

“Do!” and  
“Don’t do!”



# THE GOSPEL

“Done!”





GOSPEL

LAW

FAITH





# WHAT IS THE BIBLE AND HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND IT?

The Bible is an ancient book that was written by God and contains two main teachings: the law and the gospel.

# Assignment for Next Time...

## Read

- ◆ Genesis Chapters 1 & 2
- ◆ Complete Reading Reflection guide (see sample)

## Memory Work:

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed: "I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth."
- ◆ OT Books (Genesis – Song of Songs)

