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Ps. 25:8-9, “Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.”

The Hebrew word for *upright* is **veyashar** which means *straight, right, righteous, and a place of peace*. The LORD is our guide. I recall in geometry back in school days, we learned the importance of angles. If a line is only off by one degree, it doesn't seem like much until you extend the lines. The one degree seems miniscule until your line gets longer; and then you realize how far away from the original line you are. The LORD is our straight line. He is the measuring rod. Everything that is good is measured according to His perfect goodness. And when that happens, we all fall short. Paul said in **Rm. 3:23**, “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We have all missed the mark.*” We are slightly off (or maybe extremely off).

Because we can acknowledge that we are sinners; that we have missed being perfect; we can also recognize that the LORD is the only one that can give us the instruction that we need to get back on track. He is our guide. He is our teacher. He is the “plumb line.” **Isa. 28:16**, “*So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.”*”

The only way we can know if we are on line is if we have a true or sure mark to go by. That true mark; that cornerstone is Jesus Christ. And **Isa. 53:6** reminds us: “*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*”

Dear LORD, You are good and upright. Help us to keep our eyes on You and the cornerstone that was laid for our salvation. We praise You this very day. In Jesus Name, Amen.