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**Isa. 48:17** “*This is what the LORD says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you what is best for you, Who directs you in the way you should go.*” (NIV)

What a beautiful statement comes from the LORD through the prophet. He first quantifies the giver of the message as our Redeemer. The Hebrew word for *redeemer* is **goalcha** which means *the one who has bought us back or re-claimed us*. Now, I don't know about you, but I begin to tear up every time I think about the price that the LORD had to pay to reclaim and redeem me. He owns everyone and everything in this world, and yet because of sin, we had to be redeemed, re-claimed.

Now what is significant in Paul's statement are the roles of God. It is the love of God that sent Jesus to bring us grace so that the Holy Spirit could have fellowship with us. Three roles, One Person. What an amazing LORD we serve. He loved us so much, that He took on flesh and dwelt among us; and now lives in every believer through His Spirit. And the Father holds this all together with His unconditional love.

And then He speaks: *I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you what is best for you, Who directs you in the way you should go.* (NIV) He is our teacher who teaches by example. He doesn't just give the law, He is the law. He is the perfect example for us to follow. And He is our beacon; the light that we should keep our eyes on and the bearing that should direct our course.

**Dear LORD, You are our blessed Redeemer. You have paid the ultimate price for us. Help us to listen to Your directions and teachings and walk in the way that You have made for us. In Jesus Name, Amen**