**The Best Teacher (Psalm 119:33-40)**

 Our best teacher is our Creator Lord God. Greetings to you dear brothers and sisters as we rejoice in the return of our Sunday School children for this new academic year. Taking that into consideration, today’s sermon subject has to do with teaching and learning. Who is the True Teacher, and what does He teach? These questions themselves are today scrutinized, and many people have already abandoned their Creator to follow other teachers. Our purpose for today is to establish the fact that our best teacher is not a human being, time, or life itself, but rather is the Source of life, the Creator of time, the Creator and Fashioner of All Mankind. Again, I want to reiterate: our best teacher is our Creator Lord God. Let’s speak, then, about His various teaching abilities.

 God’s lessons, if we humbly learn them, lead us to spiritual growth. As we said above, God is the best teacher because His lessons and abilities are genuine and the best in the whole universe. We can discern the Lord’s abilities through the requests of the Psalmist: God can teach us the way of his statutes and help us to keep them consistently. He can give us understanding and the ability to observe His Law carefully. He can lead us in His Word and in a generous lifestyle. He can teach us what things are vain and what are important, spiritually beneficial, and valuable in this life. He can back up His promises that he has made about us (who are His people). He can take away any reproach or shame that we have been carrying around because of sin. He can sustain us with His commandments because they are just and right directions. It is clear that God is the best teacher because of His identity – because of who He is.

 Someone once wrote, *“Truly the finest teachers of all time have the same characteristics. Indeed, today as in the past, the only reliable marks of great teaching personalities are the rich qualities of their interior selves.”* (Interior selves can also mean faith-walk or spiritual life).

 Since God is perfect in Goodness, Truth and Love, it is not hard to see why He is the best teacher. A (real/good) teacher must be able to use various tools in teaching – the Lord uses multiple means to teach you. A teacher must be patient – God is always patiently waiting. A teacher must know his or her students – God knows us better than we know ourselves. A teacher knows how to guide students and to impress upon their minds the subjects of the day – God also knows how to impress His Word upon our hearts if we are open to His education.

 Therefore, as students return to their studies in this season, it is important to remember that the Best Teacher is always present to teach and lead us, if we pay attention to Him. God’s lessons, if we humbly learn them, lead us to spiritual growth.

 Our best teacher is our Creator Lord God. May our desire always be to learn from Him. May the Lord bless you all. Amen.