Sermon Series: **Israel: Past, Present, Future**

10/18/26, "Longsuffering," Romans 10:5-21, NLT

INTRODUCTION

Context: God has made salvation by faith available to all Jews, but up to now, most have not accepted it. He has even tried to make them jealous by saving many Gentiles. He still offers them salvation.

MAIN IDEA: God does not stop holding out His arms to us. Really? Here are 4 examples of the types of people He continues to reach out to.

I. First, the self-righteous (5)

Matthew 9:11, NLT: But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

A. belief that we can do it ourselves… *rooted in pride*

1. through personal codes of right & wrong

2. by adherence to the law…*Jews, some Christians*

B. rejecting truth: God did for them what they cannot do

Romans 3:20, NLT: For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

ILLUSTRATION: Saul

II. Second, the hopeless (6-8)

Romans 10:6-8, NLT: 6 *'Who will go up to heaven?'* (to bring Christ down to earth). 7 '*Who will go down to the place of the dead?'* (to bring Christ back to life again)."

A. Hebrew phrasing reflects belief God's way is too difficult

1. rightly believe it is impossible to be that good

2. wrongly believe that is what God expects

B. rejecting truth: Jesus has already come down & risen

1. God's way is very simple

2. salvation is understandable, personal, attainable

ILLUSTRATION:

III. Third, the rebellious (9-13)

Lord *(kurios)*: supreme in authority; takes into consideration the good of those over whom it is wielded (*New Strong's*)

A. believing in the lordship of the individual…*rejecting Jesus' lordship*

1. refusing to submit or be dependent

2. refusing to accept that salvation is open to all, some of whom we feel we are better than

B. rejecting the truth: Our heart is the issue

1. some allow hurt in heart to affect eternity

2. some wait for a feeling rather than making a choice

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. Finally, the judgmental (14-21)

A. act as though we are god

1. limit God to our abilities

2. judge Him by our perspectives

EX: All must hear about Jesus; not all will; conclude God is unjust.

B. rejecting the truth: That God makes a way

1. all do hear (18)

2. all are able to understand (19)

3. God desires for all to come (20-21)

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION: 1. Evaluate ourselves for wrong beliefs. 2. Pray for others to have understanding.

CONCLUSION: God continues to look out for the Jews: *"**A**" '73 Yom Kippur War "Miracle of the Valley of Tears"*

God reaches out His arms to every person, showing good to each in ways we don't recognize.

ALTAR: been self-righteous, hopeless, rebellious, playing God?