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The heavenly worship scene continues as the angelic hosts and the twenty-four elders, along with ten-thousand times ten-thousand of thousands worship the one who created all things and sustains the creation once made. John saw in the right hand, the hand of power, a scroll that was sealed and had writing on the inside and the back of the scroll, and a search was made throughout heaven, on earth, and under the earth for someone, anyone who was worthy to open the scrolls, and no one was found that could even look at it. "So, I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain..." (vv. 4-6a) John turning expecting to see a ferocious image of the king of beasts the lion, rather saw a lamb that had been sacrificed, but was alive again! The lamb took the scroll and when he did the twenty-four elders fell before the lamb and began to sing a new song, not the one about the creator,

but a new and different song. It was the song of eternal redemption. "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation and have made us kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth." (vv. 9-10)

The song that will be sung in the future around the throne of the lamb will be the song of eternal redemption. People from every tribe/clan and every language group, every people group and every ethnicity, so says the Greek text. How can that be since we know there are "unreached people groups?" The answer may be simpler than you think. Remember we believe the Bible teaches that children who "do not know their right hand from their left" are taken to heaven when they die, we believe that children and babies, both who come to birth and those who die from the womb are taken to be with the Lord Jesus. If just that truth is so, and I believe scripturally it is, then heaven will be populated with children who are at full maturity singing and worshipping the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

<u>Prayer and Action Steps</u>

Father, thank You that You will have representatives from every people group who has ever lived on the earth in heaven with You singing Your praises around the throne.

Thank You for allowing me to have assurance of my presence there.

Amen