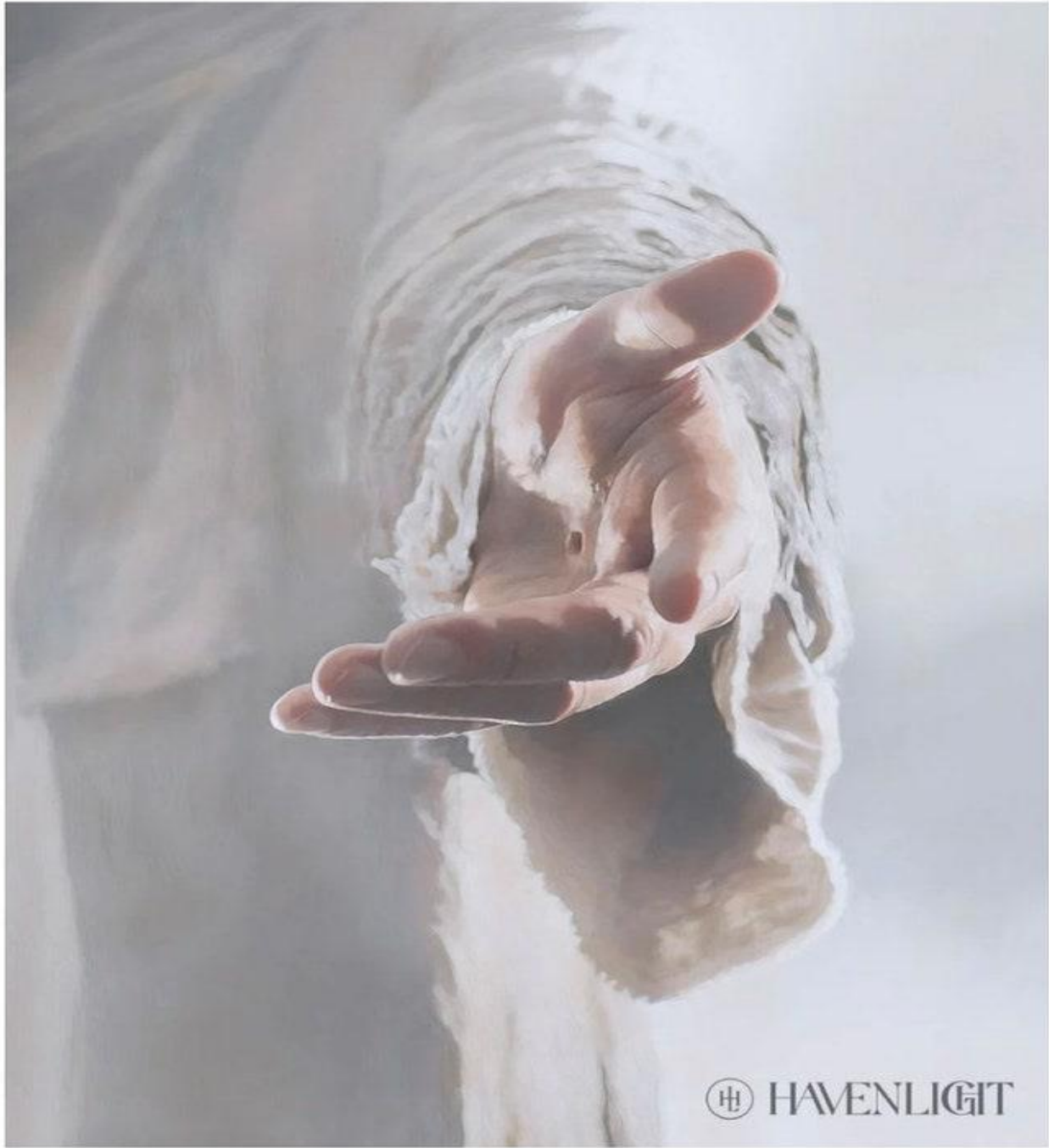




Come to Me



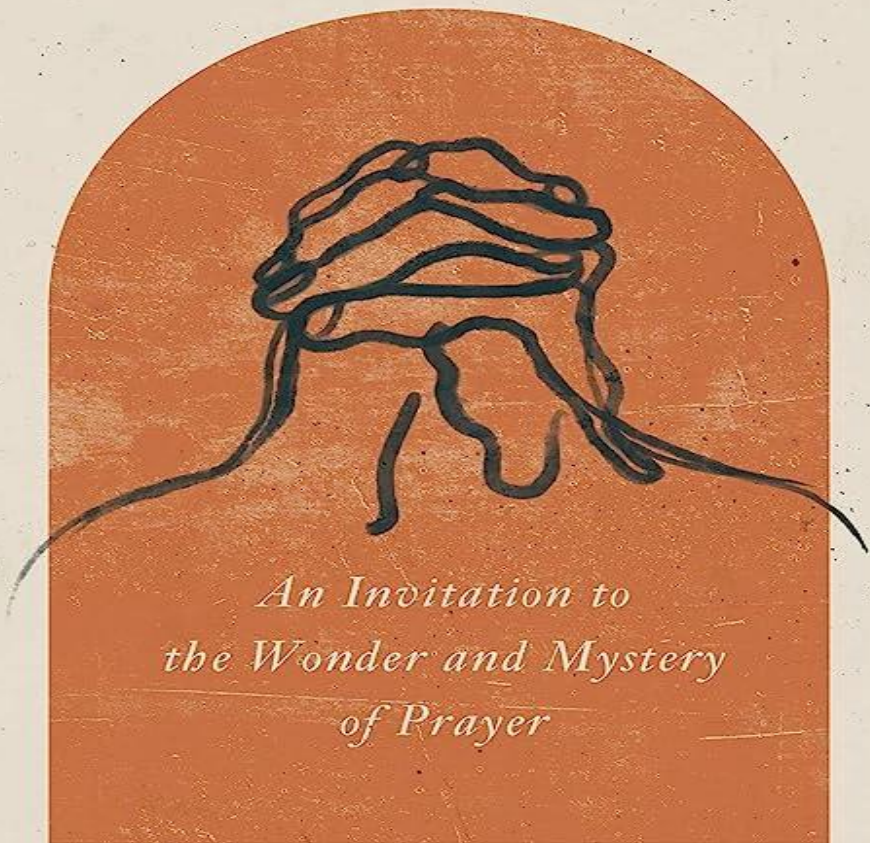
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A Word from God

- Come to Me
- Return to Me
- Re-engage with Me
- Picture of the party for the Prodigal
- Confirmed by Craig
- More on this, but first

PRAYING LIKE MONKS,
LIVING LIKE FOOLS



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Good News and Bad News

- Your instinct is, and will forever be, to try to drum up your own lovableness, to become lovable in some way you can define and control
- “Neither do I condemn you”
- God didn’t lower the standards of Holiness.
- **He found a way to make us HOLY that doesn’t depend on our performance!!**
- **GRACE WINS**



Hebrews 4:14 – Draw Near

■ ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot **sympathize** with our **weaknesses**, **but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.** ¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Co-Suffering

- (This is) how Jesus deals with our sin. He suffers with us.
- Our intuitive assumption is that we are closest to God when things are going well ... when I am living wisely and virtuously, keeping in step with his mission in me and in the world.
- The author of Hebrews says the exact opposite. Jesus is nearest to us in our weaknesses not our strengths.
- Jesus wants to run to us in our weaknesses, to meet us there.



I Finally Understand

- When Jesus says “Come to Me” He isn’t just talking to lost people who are desperate and need to be saved by meeting Him as their Lord for the first time
- He is talking to all of us, because even if we have been walking with Him for 50 years, we still fall and feel lost and weak and desperate, and we need to be saved from something NOW
- AND, He calls to us multiple times a day, because we wander away from Him all day long, and our only hope is to draw near ...



**COME
TO
ME**



Good News, YOU ARE

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY