



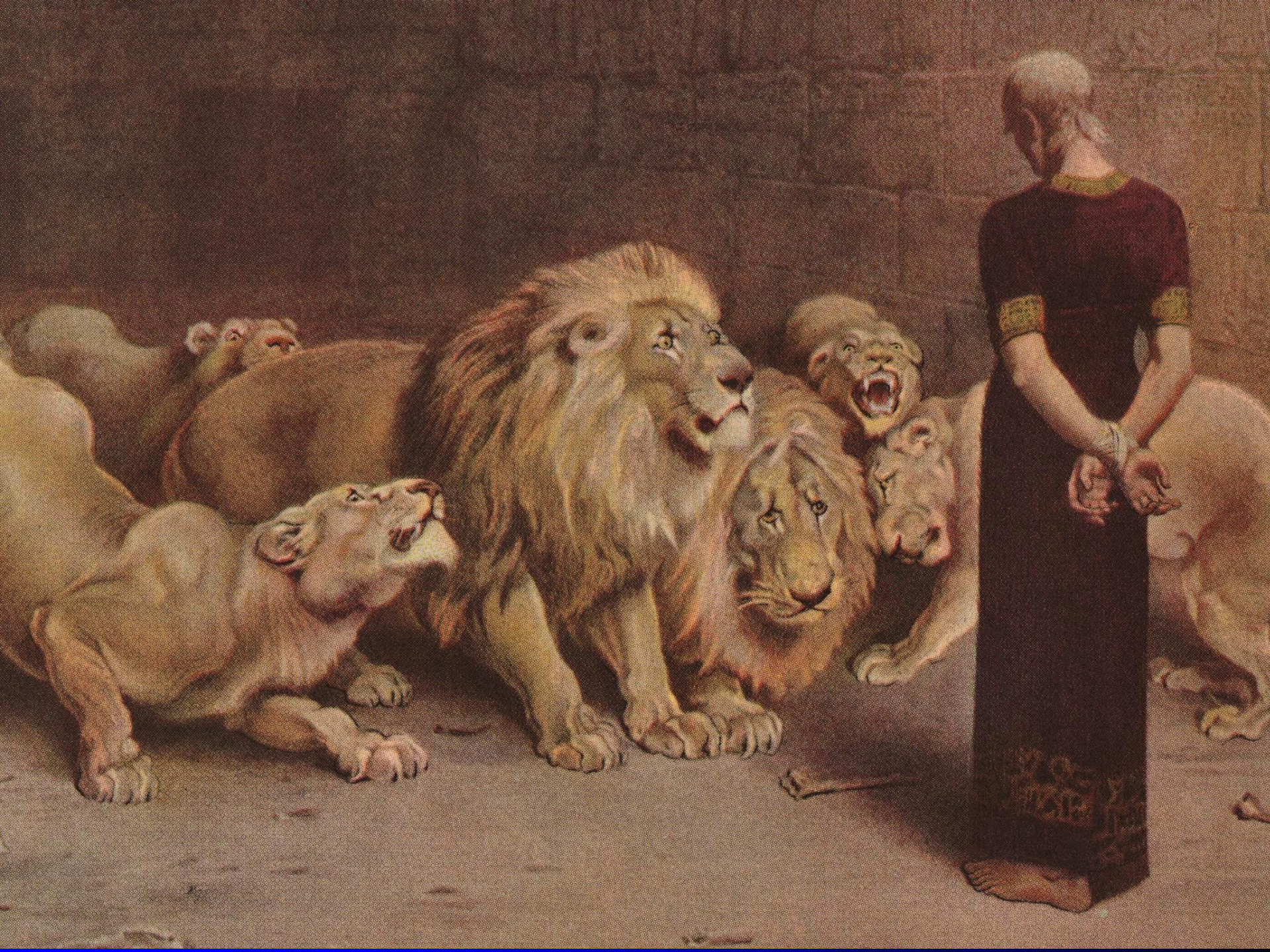


"People sometimes ask why God requires us to pray, as if it was merely a form of relentless begging: 'please, please, please' in the tone of a child beseeching his father for a treat, of a football fan wishing like mad for a goal in the final minute...."



"....But to pray is not to plead from the sidelines; it is to invade the field of play. In prayer we join the team, actively shaping the outcome of the match, challenging and occasionally outplaying an aggressive opponent...."

Pete Grieg



*Therefore the LORD Almighty says this:
'Because you have not listened to my
words, I will summon all the peoples of
the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon,' declares the LORD, 'and
I will bring them against this land and its
inhabitants and against all the surrounding
nations. This whole country will
become a desolate wasteland, and these
nations will serve the king of Babylon for
seventy years.*

Jeremiah 25.8-9a, 11

Daniel's Prayer

- *Deadly serious*
- *Acknowledges God's love and justice*
- *Honest about the people's guilt*
- *Asks for God's mercy*
- *Stands in the gap*
- *Repents for the people taking their sin as his own*
- *God hears and forgives*

Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments... The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.

Daniel 9.4, 9

We have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you... Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favour of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

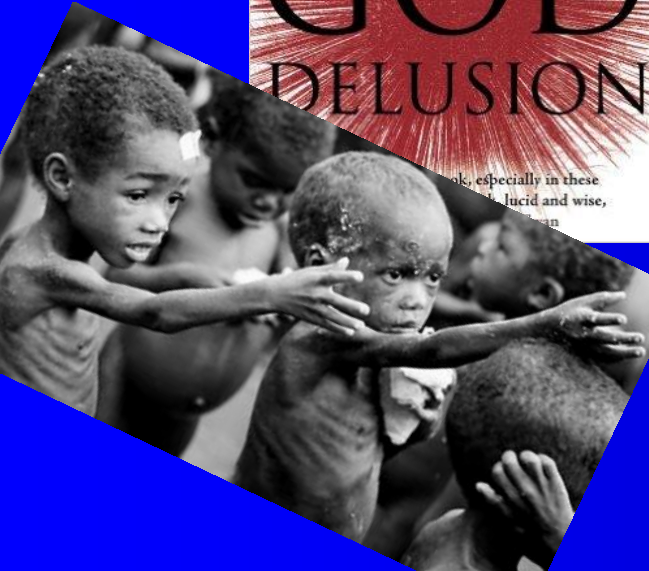
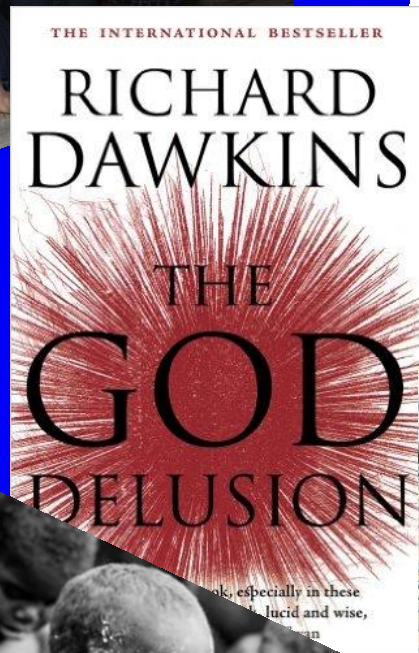
Daniel 9.11, 13-14

Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favour on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.'

Daniel 9.17-19

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God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.... God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5.19-21

*26 February
6.00pm – midnight
All Saints Hall
Half Night of Prayer
for Revival
in Purbeck
Come when you can –
go when you must!*