

Genesis: Back to Obedience
Friends, Enemies, and Not-So-Innocent Bystanders
Genesis 18-19

Sir Winston Churchill addressed the House of Commons on August 20, 1940, and as he reviewed the first year of the war, he paid special tribute to the Royal Air Force fighter pilots whom he said were “turning the tide of the World War by their prowess and devotion.” He said, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.” The small Royal Air Force was standing in the gap between the enemy and the people of Great Britain.

1. Faith displays hospitality.

2. Faith intercedes for others.

3. Faith separates from the world.

4. Faith doesn't look back.

While it is true that the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is an example of God's righteous judgment, it is also true that God's love for lost sinners is clearly seen in this story. Jesus certainly did not approve of the lifestyle of the men of Sodom, but He came to save sinners just like those in Sodom and Gomorrah. We may not have committed the same sins as the people of those cities, but we are sinners just the same, and apart from faith in Jesus Christ, we cannot be saved from the judgment to come.