

**“The God Who Got Fleeced”**  
**Judges 6:33-40**  
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**I. Gideon’s Call to Arms**

- A. Israel surprisingly responds to Gideon’s muster for battle.
- B. This is explained more by the Spirit who was upon Gideon, not by anything in Gideon. (See below)

**II. Gideon’s 2-Fold Fleece Test...**

- A. Was unnecessary given all God had done already.
- B. Was motivated by a lack of faith in God’s promises.
  - 1. Gideon was not trying to figure out God’s will.
  - 2. God had already told him; he just didn’t believe it.
- C. Was a sinful *test* of the Lord. (Ex. 17:2; Deut. 6:16; Matt. 16:4)
- D. Was an insincere attempt to manipulate God.
- E. Was shockingly submitted to by the Lord.

**III. Gideon’s Inconsistency and Our Own.**

- A. Gideon’s faithless test came just after an earlier triumph of faith.
- B. Isn’t our experience often similar?
  - 1. Moments of faith and courage get replaced by moments of fear and doubt.
  - 2. Seasons of faithfulness get replaced by seasons of disobedience.
- C. Why does God continue to bear with us as He did with Gideon?
  - 1. God the Son became a man who was fleeced for us on the cross.
  - 2. His loss and shame ensure our eternal presence in God’s family.
  - 3. What’s the proper response to such mercy?

*Romans 2:4b - <sup>4</sup> ...the kindness of God leads you to repentance*