

Sermon Title: **“TEST OF FLEECE”**

Judges 6:36-40

- By Gideon asking for this sign as confirmation it WASN'T Gideon doubting in God's ability
 - Gideon's faith had already been displayed when he torn down the altar of baal & the groves of tall trees next to the altar

- This was the test = Gideon was going to put a fleece down overnight
 - If God was to confirm this the fleece would be WET, but the ground around the fleece DRY
 - Today we DON'T need these type of signs because we have God's Word (the Bible) & the Messiah has already arrived
 - The stark contrast between what was going to be on the fleece & what was going to be on the ground was to reveal God's power
 - The end result – the fleece was WET & the ground was DRY
 - The fleece was so saturated with water that it was able to be rung out & fill a bowl with water

- “Anger” = literally the same word for nostril or nose
 - The Hebrew language is very visual, so the idea of anger was often expressed through the flaring of the nostrils or nose
 - Gideon asking the Lord to hold back His anger, spoke to the bold request that Gideon was making of God

- Gideon asks God to reverse the test of fleece
 - This time the fleece was to be DRY & the ground around the fleece was to be WET
 - God doing this would honestly be more of a miracle, since fleece would have acted like a sponge to water
 - Just as Gideon had requested, God did

- BOTH tests of the fleece proved that God would direct & protect & provide for Israel, just like God had said
 - God was going to fulfill His promise that through Gideon the Midianites, Amalekites, & the east would be defeated