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FAMILY DEVOS



# The Fleece

**Scripture:** Judges 6:33-40

**Memory Verse:** James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

## For My Family

War had come to Israel. The Midianites, Amalekites, and the other enemies of Israel that lived in the east had joined forces and were camped with a large force in the Valley of Jezreel. Gideon called for warriors from the tribes of Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and the men Israel came out to fight. (Check your maps in the back of your Bible or Google “Bible maps in the time of the judges” to see where these places are!)

Gideon, however, was still a man filled with doubts and fears. Even though it seemed on the outside that he was doing really well (he had torn down the altar of Baal, erected an altar to the Lord, and now had gathered an army to defend Israel), on the inside, Gideon continued to struggle with trusting the Lord.

Gideon made a request of God. If God was going to do what He said He was going to do (and save Israel), then when Gideon left a fleece of wool on the ground, if the Lord put morning dew on the fleece but not on the ground, then Gideon would know that, yes, God would save Israel.

We should stop for one second and take note of something important. If God promises to do something, He *always* does it. Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie. So if God told Gideon that He would save Israel by his hand, then He absolutely, without question was going to do that.

Of course, we read that God gave Gideon the sign that he was looking for, and even did it a second time, with the dew on the ground and the fleece being dry this time, just to make it absolutely certain that there could be no doubt that God had done the miracle.

The Lord was so gracious to Gideon. When Gideon was struggling, the Lord reassured Him. When Gideon was doubting, the Lord strengthened his faith, and wonderfully, the Lord does this for you and me as well. In James 1:5 we read, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” When we need God’s help with making a decision, or if we are struggling with doubt or confusion, God graciously asks us to come to Him and He will help us.

All of us have concerns about what is going to happen in the coming weeks and months. However, we can remember that God promised us that He would always be with us, even to the end of the age. And if He promised to do it, He absolutely, without question, will.

## Questions for Young Children:

What did Gideon ask the Lord to do as a sign?

When we are struggling with doubts or fears what does God ask to do?

What are some other things that God promised He would do in the Bible? Remember, if He promised to do them, He absolutely will.

## Questions for Teens and Pre-teens:

Why do you think God gave Gideon the two signs with the fleece and the water?

James 1:5 says God gives wisdom “liberally and without reproach” to those who ask for it. What does, “without reproach,” mean? Why is that important?

What are some other promises that God made in the Scriptures that He has already fulfilled?