

# Judges 6:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

## Analysis

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God graciously performs the second sign: the fleece remained dry while dew covered all the ground. This reverse miracle conclusively proved divine intervention—no natural process could explain moisture appearing everywhere except on the highly absorbent fleece. God's patience with Gideon's repeated requests demonstrates covenant faithfulness to weak believers. Yet the narrative includes these requests not as models to imitate but as records of human weakness that God graciously accommodates. The pattern shows God meeting people where they are while calling them toward mature faith. After this second confirmation, Gideon receives no more signs—he must now act on adequate revelation.

## Historical Context

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The reversed miracle (dry fleece, wet ground) was even more extraordinary than the first. Fleece naturally absorbed moisture from the air and ground; keeping it dry while surrounding ground was soaked required active divine intervention. That God performed both signs validated Gideon's calling beyond doubt. However, the Bible never presents fleece-testing as a normative method for discerning God's will—this was God's accommodation to Gideon's specific weakness in this unique situation.

