

‡ GOD, CLOTHED IN HUMANITY

» **Verse 34:** *“Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon...”*

Δ **“came on” - [labaš]** refers to the everyday act of putting on a garment. This verse doesn’t say that Gideon was clothed in a robe of righteousness, it says that God clothed Himself with Gideon. What might this say about God?

‡ THE SECOND TEST (verses 36-40)

Δ Contrary to popular interpretation, these verses have nothing to do with discovering or determining the will of God. Gideon already knew God’s will. What he needed now was reassurance (Am I the right man for the job?).

† What does it say about God’s character that He is willing to be patient (even to the point of giving two more signs) in order to communicate reassurance to a self-doubting person?

† Is God okay with us asking for this same type of providence?

† Does God only provide signs to encourage and strengthen his people, or are there other reasons or occasions in which He interacts in this way?

‡ GOD’S GREATEST STATEMENT

Δ What does this story tell us about God’s character that is different from how we typically view Him?

My Prayers This Week...

1. How do I determine when God is trying to speak to me?
2. Is my spiritual self-esteem low? How can I let God prove Himself to me this week?
3. How does this section of Scripture help me see more of God’s character?