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1. Ultimately these three temptations are about Jesus’ humble reliance on the Father.
2. What does this passage reveal about Satan?
 - a. He has the ability to cause people to see visions.
 - i. Compare **verse 5 to Mathew 4:8**
 - b. He claims to have authority over the Earth
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 - 1. John 8:44**
 - ii. Jesus does not correct Satan on this point.
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 - iv. But, ultimately all power and authority belong to Christ
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3. What is the temptation in this passage?
 - a. Satan offers “this domain and its glory”
 - i. Satan could be tempting Christ to forsake the Cross and save mankind a different way
 1. This view assumes Satan completely understood the substitutionary death of Jesus
 - a. Luke 22:3-6**
 2. However, Satan remembers the protoevangelium promise of Genesis 3
 3. While not knowing the tactic, Satan knows the goal.

- b. This is a temptation about Jesus' reliance on the Father.
 - i. Jesus has the right to take the domain and its glory on his own terms.
 - 1. Jesus is the same essence as God the Father
 - a. **Philippians 2:5-7**
 - 2. He is the exact representative of the Father
 - a. **Hebrews 1:3**
 - 3. The Earth and all that are in it belong to Him
 - a. **Psalm 24:1-2**
 - 4. Through him all things were made
 - a. **John 1:1-3**
 - ii. However, Jesus is always in perfect obedience to the Father
 - 1. **John 5:19-20**
 - iii. Satan is offering Christ another way to achieve his goal without relying on and humbling himself before the Father.
4. Jesus' reply to the temptation:
 - a. Jesus quotes **Deuteronomy 6:10-15**
 - b. The Second Generation of Israel has grown up in the wilderness in complete reliance on the Father.
 - c. Now he has given them the Promised Land and he warns them that they will be tempted not to rely on Him.
 - i. They are entering a pagan land full of false gods.
 - ii. His material blessings upon them will tempt Israel to forget the Lord
 - d. Israel ultimately chose again and again to rely on themselves rather than on the Lord
 - e. Jesus is declaring his victory over the temptation that Israel succumbed to.
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