

may have been the three last and hardest. **3. Command that these stones be made bread**—The stones were in the shape of the loaves generally used in Palestine, and looked not unlike them. The temptation was to use his miraculous power to satisfy his personal wants, and so shew distrust of his Father's care. Since he had voluntarily undertaken to become a man, he must submit to all human wants without any other relief than other men have. **4. Man shall not live by bread alone**—Deut. 8: 3. Man needs something more than food. He needs an obedient and submissive heart. To eat food obtained by wrong means is to die spiritually; to starve rather than do wrong is to live forever.

**II. THE SECOND TEMPTATION. 5. Taketh him up**—Luke makes this the second temptation. The order is a matter of little consequence. Satan may not have been visible to others, or he may have seemed to them like a human companion, as they travelled to Jerusalem and entered the temple. Jesus was willing to go with him, for he was ready to be tested to the utmost. **The holy city**—Neh. 11: 1, 18. The Arabic name of Jerusalem is *El Kuds*, or "the Holy." **The pinnacle of the temple**—lit. "the wing." Probably the roof of "Herod's Portico," overlooking the valley of Kedron at a height of 600 feet. **Cast thyself down**—The temptation here was to put God's loving care to the test without good reason. It was a demand that he should make an unwarranted use of God's gracious promises. **It is written**—Ps. 91: 11, 12. Notice what words Satan leaves out. **7. It is written**

again—Deut. 6: 16. We can get the true meaning of a text only when we compare it with others. **Thou shalt not tempt**—We must not expect that God will protect us if we rush into dangers unnecessarily. The words also contain a rebuke to Satan for tempting Christ, who was God.

**III. THE THIRD TEMPTATION. 8. An exceeding high mountain**—We are not told where this mountain was. **All the kingdoms of the world**—This would have been impossible in a literal sense. Some very high mountain is meant, from which the prospect would afford a suitable basis for an eloquent description in words of the glories of temporal supremacy over them. Satan, as the Prince of this world, describes his empire. **9. All these things will I give thee**—"I will be your friend and not your enemy, if you will give me a formal acknowledgement of superiority." According to Luke, Satan asserted his right to give these things to whomsoever he would. The temptation here was to gain his kingdom by the help of Satan instead of through the cross and the grave—to use unlawful means to gain a right end. **10. Get thee hence**—"Begone." **Satan**—"Adversary." **Thou shalt worship**—Deut. 6: 13; 10: 20; Josh. 24: 14; 1 Sam. 7: 3. No success is real that does not come through God's blessing, and obedience to him. **11. The devil leaveth him**—Jas. 4: 7. Luke adds "for a season," he came back again. Luke 22: 53; John 14: 40. **Angels came**—and supplied him with food and comfort. Compare 1 Kings 19: 5; Heb. 1: 14.

**To the Scholar.**—Study the lesson carefully, turning up the marginal references and reading the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and try to answer in writing the questions following *without accepting aid from any quarter* after you have begun to write. Then bring this leaflet to Sabbath School with you on the day of its date. If you cannot come, fill out the blank and send the leaflet (with the answers written out) to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1.—Where and by whom was Jesus tempted? (3)
- 2.—What was the first temptation? (3)
- 3.—Why would it have been wrong for Jesus to do it? (6)
- 4.—What was the second temptation? (3)
- 5.—Why would it have been wrong for Jesus to do it? (6)
- 6.—What was the third temptation? (4)

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Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed \_\_\_\_\_ to memory \_\_\_\_\_ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and \_\_\_\_\_ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to \_\_\_\_\_ I was at church \_\_\_\_\_ cents.  
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