--The Assault of The Serpent--Against Mankind

""Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" Genesis 3:1b

Assault Vector Scheme 1

Against the Person of Eve

The serpent's entire question is designed to introduce the notion to Eve that maybe(1) her memory is at fault.

("Eve, does your memory actually work properly?")

Today, this kind of treatment is referred to in some literary circles as "gaslighting" (from the movie Gaslight).

Assault Vector Scheme 2

Against the Person of God

The serpent's use of the word "indeed" at the outset is an attempt at presenting himself as superior to God.

Assault Vector Scheme 3

Against The Knowledge of The Truth

The serpent purposely misquotes God. Here is what God actually said:

"From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Genesis 2:16b-17

Assault Vector Scheme 4

Against The Position of God

The serpent presents himself as one having superior knowledge over God.

"You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:4b-5

--Enter The Whole Armor of God--Ephesians 6:10-17

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"maybe" is the presursor to becoming
"double-minded".

See James 1:1-8, 4:1-8.

The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-17

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:14

Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ...

Ephesians 6:16

... in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:15

... and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ...

Ephesians 6:17

And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.