

8-30-20 Message
THE MURMURER AGAINST THE GOOD MAN
PLAYING THE SOCIAL INJUSTICE CARD

Intro:

Matthew 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Matthew 20:2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Matthew 20:3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

Matthew 20:4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

Matthew 20:5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

Matthew 20:6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

Matthew 20:7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

Matthew 20:8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

Matthew 20:9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

Matthew 20:10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

Matthew 20:11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

Matthew 20:12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

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II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

One of the devices of Satan is to breed discontent in the hearts of people.

He made the angels discontent with their estate in heaven so they became demons.
He made Eve discontent in the garden creating a desire for the forbidden fruit.
He made Cain discontent with his brother Abel and he killed him.
Absalom became discontent being the son of the king he wanted to be king.
Judas became discontent being a disciple and betrayed the Lord.

In each case and throughout history, when men have fallen for Satan's bait of discontentment, in the end they wind up with less not more!

In this parable we read about a group of people that were discontent with the Lord and had a grievance. Here was their grievance:

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Their grievance was that they felt they were unfairly treated.
They received the same wages as those who did not work as long.

Now we see across our nation today a group of people who are discontent with the way things are.

They are crying out for social justice, with groups like:

Black Lives Matter.

Antifa.

Affirmative action.

Political correctness.

It seems that the Democrat Party has become the voice for these people.

The Democrat party has become the party of discontents. They feed off of discontent. Now I do not say the Republican party is squeaky clean in this regard. I realize that

their are devils in both parties, however, the platform of the Democrat party has become exclusively a party catering to discontents.

Now in Matt 20, I guarantee you that if a social justice advocate were to arbitrate the grievance of this worker who received the same wages of the person who worked 1 hour verse 12 hours, the union would have sided with the discontented worker rather than the Lord. This is how far we have drifted from any semblance of equity, and godly judgment.

So to dispel this idea, This morning I want to share the rebuke that the Lord gave to this disgruntled worker.

Matthew 20:12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

Though many of the tenants of social justice advocates seem good one of the tenants of Social Justice is this: What they call equality, where no one is treated different than anyone else.

This worker, was upset and said, what the Lord did was unfair. He made the people that worked only one hour equal to them who worked 12 hours.

This is what is making people riot in the streets in our nation today. They think there are a lot of things that are unfair in our nation.

It's unfair that some people have to work harder than other people.
It is unfair that some people have more than other people.
It is unfair that some people have more opportunities than others.
It is unfair that some people are poorer than others.

How many revolutions have started because political leaders have promised to spread the wealth and in the end everyone becomes poor and the only ones that have power and access to the nations wealth are the government and its leaders? This is socialism and communism which has traditionally been anti religion, anti Christian, and has been responsible for social oppression throughout the world. And yet these are the same people that are the standard bearers of social justice.

How did Jesus answer this disgruntled worker?

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This morning I want to explain Lord's answer to this discontented worker. I sure after this he went out and started an organization called ANIFA or something.

First let me share the context of this passage and what our Lord was dealing with in His day.

In His day His enemies were the Pharisees and religious establishment. These were those who thought they were the enlightened ones and the elite.

Jesus was hated because He rebuked them and He spoke the truth.

So he spoke this parable to them.

I. THE PARABLE IS ADDRESSED TO THE JEWS WHO WERE UPSET THAT THE LORD WOULD SOON WELCOME THE GENTILES AND SINNERS INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

John Gill put it this way:

So the Jews that first believed in Christ, were at first uneasy at the Gospel being preached to the Gentiles, at the calling of them, and their partaking of the same privileges in a Gospel church state with them, without submitting to the ceremonies of the law, as they had done; just as the Pharisees, in Christ's time, murmured against him; for receiving sinners, and eating with them: though in the latter day, the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and in the ultimate glory there will be no murmuring at each other's happiness.

So the Lord corrects the murmurers of His day, who set up their own standard of righteousness and equity. They who did not lift up a finger to help anyone were quick to criticize our Lord who by His grace and mercy went about saving souls and healing the sick and preaching the gospel to all.

So the beat goes on.

Jesus had His enemies and critics. They were the ones who were in power. They were the swamp of His day. They were the deep deep religious state of His day. Nothing has changed.

What is sad is that there is a philosophy of leadership today that just caters to the disgruntled and murmurers.

The prophet and mentor of all these liberals, from the Clintons, to Obama, to Black Lives Matter, to Antifa, the Bible of these radicals is Saul Alinsky's book "Rules For Radicals". This is the handbook for the radical left and we are seeing Saul Alinsky's methods being played out in our country today. On the 4th lead page of his book Rules for Radicals we read these words.

Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins- or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom - Lucifer

Hillary Clinton wrote her college thesis regarding Alinsky's mobilizing model.

This is why the Lord calls this griping murmuring worker someone who has an evil eye.

What we are faced with in our nation today is a group of radicals that hate our nation, hate God, hate Christianity, and are a bunch of grippers and complainers.

This parable was spoken against a group of people who hated our Lord. They criticized, nit picked, and murmured against Him. Why, it was all because His deeds were good and their eye was evil. It is absolutely amazing how those who are energized of Satan can find evil in God Himself. Remember it was the devil that accused God of evil motives when he says to Eve,

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Many years ago when I first came to the church, the criticism of people bothered me, and I often would do deep soul searching to see if I was wrong. Then I realized that Jesus Himself received criticism and they found fault in Him.. Then I thought if they found fault in Christ, how much more will they find fault in me. If some people would not listen to Jesus Himself, why am I surprised that I cannot reach some people and they will not listen to me?

So the murmurers are still among us. But in this parable we should learn one thing. Let us do good and if others find fault in it because of their evil eye, so be it. Imagine they actually attributed our Lord's miracles and the good works He did to works of the devil. That how bad it can get.

II. THIS MURMURER IS UPSET THAT GOD HAS GIVEN OTHERS GOOD IN THEIR LIFE WHICH HE WRONGLY THOUGHT HE WORKED HARDER FOR AND DESERVED?

Gill put it this way:

In a providential way, he gives riches and wealth to some, and withholds them from others; or sends his Gospel, the means of grace to one, and not to another: and still less can he be thought to do wrong to the sons of men, by giving to them alike the same grace and privileges here, and the same happiness and glory hereafter; since neither have any right to what they have, or shall enjoy, and no one has the less for what is given to the other. In a providential way, he gives riches and wealth to some, and withholds them from others; or sends his Gospel, the means of grace to one, and not to another: and still less can he be thought to do wrong to the sons of men, by giving to them alike the same grace and privileges here, and the same happiness and glory hereafter; since neither have any right to what they have, or shall enjoy, and no one has the less for what is given to the other.

The murmurers, said, this is not right, we bore the heat of the day and only received a penny, and you did not give us more than these who only worked for an hour.

Now here is the problem:

Matthew 20:2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

These labourers agreed to work for a penny a day, they were happy to work for a penny a day, it was a good wage the acceptable reward and wage for a days work in this day. Now by our Lord's grace, and kindness, He decides to give others a penny who only worked part of the same day.

These murmurers griped about this. Our Lord was kind and generous to the others, and this became an occasion for murmuring and complaining.

So it is today, that people are not thankful for what they have, instead they gripe and complain about others who have more than them.

This ill feeling towards those who have it easier than you is sin, it is an evil. Jesus called it evil.

When others receive good and you have ill feelings against them, this is nothing more than envy and jealousy. IT IS SIN. IT IS AN EVIL.

There is a bitter poison permeating our society today, it is the poison of discontent and ill feeling towards others who have.

There are actually protestors suggesting that white affluent people should give up their homes to rioters and Black Lives Matter protestors.

A little over a week ago in SEATTLE - A group of Black Lives Matter protestors marched through a residential neighborhood this week demanding that white residents give up their homes.

The video of these scenes are filled with profanity, and anger and bitterness.

A post to Twitter shows a crowd of dozens chanting "black lives matter" before an unidentified man projects his wrath toward nearby white residents. He shouts at them saying they are living in a historically black section of the city as another woman in the crowd yells that they should "give up" their homes.

II. JESUS BASICALLY SAYS TO THIS MURMURER, WHY ARE YOU UPSET THAT GOD HAS SHOWED MERCY TO THOSE YOU THINK DO NOT DESERVE IT? YOUR ILL FEELINGS TOWARDS OTHERS IS EVIL

Jesus says to this community organizer who was demanding equality, He called this griper and complainer evil, that he had an evil eye. Jesus said.

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Jesus says, "Is thine eye evil, because I am good..."

Jesus said this radical protestor had an evil eye.

Look when you have ill feelings towards others because they live in a nice house and you don't, is this not envy and evil?

There will always be some who have more than others. It has always been that way, and it will always be that way.

Even the Lord himself says that in heaven there will be some who receive greater reward than others.

This is not to say, that we ought not to have a heart for those who suffer because of sickness, or tragedy, or heartaches beyond their control. The Bible says,

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

God promises to punish those who afflict widows and orphans, and bless those who have a heart for down trodden and hurting people.

III. THESE MURMURERS AND COMPLAINERS ARE IGNORANT OF GOD'S LAW.

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?

Matthew 20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

Is it not lawful to do good?

Is it not lawful to give others what you want?

The problem we have today is that when you X God out of your society, society becomes lawless.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

We see lawlessness abounding in our cities, mayors are allowing looting and burning of buildings, and harassment of our citizens.

It was a disgrace what the Mayor of Washington D.C. allowed to happen after the RNC convention. It was a disgrace what happened to Rand Paul as he left the convention and none of the major news networks even covered it.

When Jesus said, is it not lawful to do with mine own what I will, our Lord suggested there is a common sense law. That law dictates the right of ownership. The right to distribute your money or goods to who you will.

Our God is a God of common sense, law and order!

But our society is in confusion because it is given over to lawlessness.

We need to pray that President Trump gets re-elected and does something to make it a law that when local Majors and Governors will not protect their cities and citizens the citizens can call on the national guard to step in.

My wife and I went to Gettysburg for a few days and we were told that when Antifa threatened to tear down civil war statues, local militia showed up by the hundreds and then Antifa decided not to show up.

God ordained government to punish those who do evil and reward those who do good. It is an evil government that is derelict in their duties to punish evil doers.

Romans 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Romans 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Romans 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Can a police officer abuse his authority? He can, and he then should be dealt with. But to resist the authorities ordained of God is a worse offence according to the Bible than the possible abuse of that authority.

When the authorities overstep their authority we should obey God.

Acts 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

Acts 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

You read the Bible, and throughout the Bible it is a greater offence for someone who is lesser in authority to resist and attack the greater than it is for the greater to accidentally hurt the lesser. In each case that is creating outrage in our nation, in almost each case, tragedy would have been avoided if the person just would not have resisted arrest.

There are actual websites that have been put up to report any misconduct of the police. Police officers are today being put under a microscope, while looters and rioters are being slapped on the wrist for burning buildings and attacking police. Crime continues to go unrestrained in most of our major cities recently.

Our Lord said to this murmurer, is it not lawful for me to do what I have done. Today with affirmative action groups, political correctness, and black lives matters radicals, law and lawlessness seems to be what prevails. Confusion prevails. We need to pray for God to restore peace to our land..

Psalms 144 gives a great prayer for restoration of law in the land:

Psalms 144:6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

Psalms 144:7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

Psalms 144:8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Psalms 144:11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

Psalms 144:12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Psalms 144:13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

Psalms 144:14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

Psalms 144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

IV. WHY DO THESE MURMURERS SEE EVIL IN OUR LORD WHO IS ONLY GOOD?

Did the Lord do evil or good with that which is His own?

So a person with an "evil eye" projects his envy and covetousness in everything he sees, as we see in this parable:

John Gill

Jesus basically indites this murmurer by saying, are you envious at the good of others, and covetous and greedy to monopolize all to thyself, because I am liberal, kind, and beneficent? Men are apt to complain of God, and charge his procedures in providence and grace, with inequality and injustice; whereas he does, as he may, all things according to his sovereign will, and never contrary to justice, truth, and goodness; though he is not to be brought to man's bar, and men should submit to his sovereignty.

How amazing it is that out of the wicked proceeds wickedness.

Matthew 20:15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?

Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

Is the good that God does for others, become a cause for wicked thoughts and words of bitterness?

I Cor. 13:3 Love seeketh not her own,

I Corinthians 10:24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Where does, envy, strife and contention come from? Not from the mind of Christ.

V. THE REAL REASON THEY MURMURED AGAINST THE GOOD MAN OF THE HOUSE.

CONCLUSION: The Ultimate Lesson.

Can you see how Satan is working in our society so openly and blatantly through the griping complaining, and murmuring?

His evil intentions are no longer even hidden, the bitterness is no longer hidden.

What is behind the evil heart of this man who murmured against the THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE?

Matthew 20:11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

1. Why did the last man to get paid who was hired first murmur?

Because they expected more than what they agreed upon.

Because others received more than what they would have given them.

Because they wanted to get more than what others got.

Because they forgot they were without hope of income until the good man gave them a job.

Many people think they are more valuable than they are.

MAYBE THEY MURMURED BECAUSE THEY WERE IN THE UNION.

2. WHAT LESSON IS GOD REALLY TRYING TO SHOW TO MURMURERS IN THIS PARABLE?

WHAT IS THE VINEYARD?

The Vineyard is the kingdom of God.
The Laborers are His servants.

The Jews were all about the kingdom. That's what they were interested in.

THEY WANTED THE KINGDOM RESTORED TO ISRAEL.
THEY WANTED A KING.

They thought that they were getting into the kingdom by serving.

They thought their service for God was what allowed them to be labourers in the kingdom.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Matthew 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Matthew 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Matthew 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Jesus said.

Matthew 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Matthew 20:2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

This is all about the Kingdom of God.

3. *They thought the good man hired them because he needed them. No, he hired them because they were idle and needed a job.*

Why does God save us? Because He needs us?

Is it because He needs us? Or we need Him?

Are any of us worthy to serve Him?

The Pharisees thought they entered the Kingdom of God through their good works and service.

THE PARABLE WAS MEANT TO TEACH THAT ACTUALLY THEY DISQUALIFIED THEMSELVES FROM THE GOOD GRACES OF THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTALITY.

Note how many parallels there are between the grumbling servants and the Jews.

- A. *THE JEWS THOUGHT THEIR LONG HISTORY MADE THEM MORE VALUABLE TO THE LORD.***
- B. *THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD RECEIVE A GREATER REWARD THAN OTHERS. Especially the gentiles.***
- C. *THEY HAD A BAD ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE LORD (JESUS) WHO WAS THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD.***
- D. *THEY WANTED TO MAKE IT INTO THE KINGDOM ON THE BASIS OF A COVENANT OF WORKS RATHER THAN THEN THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE.***

Note what our Lord says to them:

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DOES IT SEEM THAT HE IS HAPPY WITH THEM ?

Jesus says to them, Go thy way. Almost sounds like when the Lord says to some, depart from me ye workers of iniquity.

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THEY WERE HIRED BACK.

The Jews did not like that God was allowing the gentiles into the Kingdom. They did not like the terms of the New Covenant.

And because of that they were rejecting the Lord of the vineyard and accusing Him of being unfair to them.

THIS WAS A REBUKE TO THE JEWS.

Today it may be a rebuke to the Christians. Our entrance into the Kingdom is still by grace and not by works.

After we have been saved a while, we may forget this just like the Jews.

4. THIS WAS A LESSON ABOUT GOD'S GRACE.
When we fall on His grace it always pans out better for us.

The reason they worked was on the basis of a contract. They murmured because others were hired on the basis of trust.

A gift is not based on our merits or works.

That we even are given the privilege to work in His vineyard is by His grace.
In that we even receive anything is His grace.
That He even allows us entrance into the Kingdom is His grace.

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God gave the invitation to all to be labourers in His kingdom.

The Jews received the invitation.

The gentiles received the invitation.

Yet the Jews rejected the Lord of the Vineyard. Jesus was Lord, even of the vineyard, and they murmured against Him

WHY DID THEY MURMUR AGAINST HIM? THEY ACCUSED HIM OF VIOLATING THE LAW.

1. EATING WITH GENTILES.
2. BREAKING THE SABBATH. HEALING ON THE SABBATH.
3. EATING WITH UNWASHED HANDS.
4. BLASPHEMY MAKING HIMSELF EQUAL WITH GOD.
5. THEY ACCUSED HIM OF STIRRING UP INSURRECTION AGAINST THE ROMANS.
6. MOST OF ALL THEY HATED HIS REBUKES AGAINST THEMSELVES.

SO THEY SAW HIM AS EVIL. YET IT WAS THEY WHO WERE EVIL.

Is thine eye evil because I am good?

Jesus did good on the Sabbath and they saw it as evil.

Jesus preached good tidings, and they saw his message as evil.

So the beat goes on, we are having complaining, rioting, people murmuring that they want more, they are discontent..

We have people playing the race card to justify their discontent. Saul Alinsky said it right, the first community organizer was Lucifer, who rallied discontent against the good man of the house. He was the first union man. We have unrest in our streets because somewhere there is a Lucifer sitting behind the scenes stirring up the crowd handing out 100 dollar bills to encourage people to riot, to be discontent. I hate to say it, there is a

whole party in our nation supporting this. That Party I call the Demoncratic party. Playing the race card, looking for any time that they can build a case and stir up the poisonous pot of discontent.

But ultimately, that discontent is against the good man of the house. Is it any coincidence that at the DNC convention the DNC purposely took God out of their convention when they did the pledge of allegiance? There was no mention of the unrest and violence in our streets and the need for law and order.

What democrat today would say, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.. "

In this parable we should learn:

Unless a person humbles himself and falls upon the good grace of our Lord they cannot be saved. We all need to see ourselves as lost, without hope, outside the vineyard in desperate condition, until the good man of the house invites us to work in His vineyard. What a privilege to work for the Lord. Will we murmur about wages? Those who were told, go work in my vineyard and I will give you whatsoever is right. We come to the Lord and fall upon His graces, and not upon our merits and works. We don't deserve anything. Whatever we get is grace.

So this is how we get into the Kingdom of God.

Will we magnify the good man of the house,
or
Will we magnify our works and own merits?

Our faith is a faith of Grace, not works or merit.

We are saved by God's grace through faith.
We serve by His grace. When He uses us He uses us in spite of our sins and frailty.

Our religion is a religion of humility and grace, as we realize and understand all that we are, all that we have, is given to us by the good master of the house who does that which is right. Let us not serve Him with an evil eye. Let us not fall victim to the first community organizer SATAN!