



He will shepherd them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken in pieces--just as I also have received from My Father. Revelation 2:27

Jacob crossed the Jordan River and entered the land of Canaan while leaning on a staff. This foreshadowed that one day fallen humanity will cross the waters of this sinful world and arrive on the shore of the ideal world by following the Messiah: smiting injustice, following his guidance and example and depending on him. Moses guided the Israelites across the Red Sea with a staff. Jesus at

his Second Coming will guide humanity across the turbulent waters of this fallen world to reach the shore of God's ideal with the rod of iron, symbolizing himself." Exposition of the Divine Principle, part II, Ch. 2, p. 229.

Greetings!

As you may be aware, there is a lot of news coverage about Hyung Jin Nim's request that couples attending the Cheon Il Guk Book of Life Registration Blessing on February 28 bring a "rod of iron."

I have two thoughts on this issue that may be helpful:

1) the literal translation of the original Greek in Rev. 2:27 is "Thou shalt **shepherd** them," instead of "shalt break them." The meaning is to *shepherd* or to *protect*. This supports the King's message that the men of faith should be Godly "kings" ready and capable to protect their families, communities and future nation of Cheon Il Guk. Owning a "rod of iron" represents the will and capacity to do so.

2) Jim Stephens recently wrote an excellent piece (see below). Here is one selection from Jim's essay:

"Pastor Moon is one of the world's foremost champions of human rights. In particular, he is a champion of the Right of Self-Defense. Very few religious leaders are standing up as strongly and forthrightly as he is to protect the average person's God-given right to life itself.

In the vast majority of countries in the world, their citizens do not have the right to own a gun, even for self-protection. Governments themselves are some of the biggest mass murderers of ordinary people.

Pastor Moon is taking a bold stand and proclaiming that every person in the world should have the right to gun-ownership and self-protection. It is a basic human right."

In recent years hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Christians and other minority religions (Yazidis, Falun Gong, Jewish, etc.) have been persecuted and killed in the Middle East, in China, in Cuba and Venezuela, etc. *People of faith have been shot and killed while they were praying in their houses of worship!*

When we bring an AR15 to the Blessing event, we are thinking of all those Christians around the world who have been attacked and murdered because of their faith in Christ. Their governments are unable or not willing to defend them. In several cases it is their government which is actively involved in this persecution.

Couples at the 2.28 Blessing bearing an AR15 are representing those Christians and people of faith who have been defenseless against such attacks. God does not want His children to be defenseless any more.

FINAL NOTE: A King who is not ready and able to defend his "kingdom" will not

last very long. His subjects will be killed, raped or taken into slavery as happened in recent years in Iraq, Syria, etc.

While the Blessing is what True Parents, based on their victory, do *for* us. acquiring a rod of iron is something that we can do to show *our* willingness to defend our families, communities of faith, and God's Kingdom.

IMPORTANT NEW UPDATE
February 28, 2018 "Cheon Il Guk Book of Life
Registration Blessing" Ceremony

Register for the Feb. 28, 2018 Blessing

Festival of Grace Activities
February 22-28, 2018

Nothing Illegal, Nothing Immoral

by Jim Stephens

Many media outlets are suddenly calling attention to our Pastor Hyung Jin Moon and our church, Sanctuary Church of Newfoundland, PA, because of our upcoming Blessing Ceremony on Feb. 28th.

Their sensationalist coverage blows the reality way out of proportion.

We are not doing anything illegal. We are doing anything immoral either. All the local law enforcement are invited and many will be on the scene. All safety checks and precautions are being taken.

We are not in any way blessing guns in case you read that. The "Blessing Ceremony" is a blessing upon the marriages of couples both new and old (renewing vows).

We are merely exercising our Rights of Free Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Association, and the Right to Bear Arms. We believe these rights are given by God. We celebrate them.

In fact, I think Pastor Moon is one of the world's foremost champions of human rights. In particular, he is a champion of the Right of Self-Defense. Very few religious leaders are standing up as strongly and forthrightly as he is to protect the average person's God-given right to life itself.

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Rest of Jim Stephens' essay,
"Nothing Illegal, Nothing Immoral"

The Staff and the Rod of Iron in Divine Principle



Jim & Hiromi Stephens

By Regis Hanna, D. Min.



Whenever a new facet of the Providence presents itself, it is helpful to see it through the lens of Holy Scripture and the Principle. Recent confusion and questions over Hyung Jin Nim's suggestion that members acquire a "rod of iron," a semi-automatic rifle for their self-protection, protection of their family and neighbors has been hard for many of us to integrate into our conceptual framework of what life in the Kingdom of Heaven should be like. In this context we offer the following thoughts and considerations, drawing largely from both the New Testament and Divine Principle.

**(Rest of Regis Hanna's
["The Staff and the Rod of Iron in the Divine Principle"](#))**

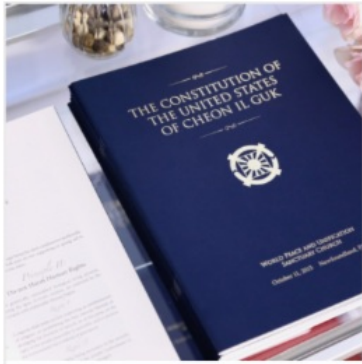


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Sincerely,

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Richard A. Panzer, Ph.D., President

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