

## Bible Principles In Gaddafi's Death by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Libyan Colonel Muammar Gaddafi and his son Mutassim were executed by "rebels" the day they were discovered in their hometown. Thursday, October 20, 2011, Gaddafi was pulled from his hideout in a drainage pipe alive, but viciously beaten and then shot while pleading for his life. While this may jar our sensibility and provoke moral outrage, we need to consider some "rules" laid down by Jesus Christ and His Apostles that overshadow such conduct by "rebels."

### 1. **James 2:13:**

For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy.  
Mercy triumphs over judgment.

After 42 years of Gaddafi's merciless genocides, it should not surprise anyone to see him receive no mercy when those who were raised under his "jackboot" were empowered.

### 2. **Matthew 26:52:**

But Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.'

The idea that "all who take the sword will perish by the sword" simply means that everyone (no exceptions!) who use violence and force to maintain their "authority" will ultimately be brought down by that same rule. History confirms this. God's decree has stood for thousands of years for after the flood in Noah's day, He said,

Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man (**Genesis 9:6**).

That this was to be the violent end of the Jews as God's people AND of those who made it so, John wrote,

He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints (**Revelation 13:10**).

Despots and dictators who abuse their authority, whether Communists, Fascists, Socialists, "Rebels," Military Juntas, Autocrats, Totalitarians, all who have abandoned appealing to the dignity of mankind and rule by the sword, will be brought down in time! The only questions remaining are, by whom, when, and how?

### 3. **Romans 1:28:**

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.

He then lists sins which, when practiced, demonstrate character bereft of morality expected by God. The phrase "God gave them over" indicates that such people and practices have caused even long-suffering God to draw a line of tolerance with them. The expression in verse 32, "those who approve of those who practice them" should alert everyone who "votes and elects into government office" people guilty of these things is just as guilty of their sins! It should cause Christians to have higher standards in their choices at all times.

### 4. Indeed, God has decreed in **Romans 12:19:**

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord.

Yes, Gaddafi is dead at the hands of those whom he suppressed for decades, but not without Biblical principles being involved. People who are so filled with anger, hatred, or vengeance that they would resort to the same methods as godless Gaddafi are people sorely in need of Jesus Christ and His forgiveness. The story of Gaddafi, and all like him, is not over, HE IS IN THE HAND OF THE JUST GOD!

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