

## **Part 4: Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (continued)**

*29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.*

Jesus is teaching a vital principle, though disbelieved by the cults and Roman Catholic Church: the Sufficiency of Scripture.

The 1689 Baptist Confession explains it in this way:

The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience, although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and his will which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in divers manners to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterward for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan, and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scriptures to be most necessary, those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased ([Source](#)).

The scriptural proofs which verify their doctrinal position

include [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#); [Isaiah 8:20](#); [Luke 16:29](#), 31; [Ephesians 2:20](#); [Romans 1:19-21](#); [Romans 2:14](#), 15; Psalm 19:1-3; [Hebrews 1:1](#); [Proverbs 22:19-21](#); [Romans 15:4](#); [2 Peter 1:19,20](#).

To that list I would add Psalm 119.

Adventists, Mormons, Christ Scientists, and Roman Catholics, to name a few, insist the Bible is insufficient for their need to know and obey essential truths necessary for their salvation.

To that end, they have determined certain fallible humans have allegedly been authorized by God to reveal that which God has failed to reveal in Scripture.

The Romans Catholics have their prophetic 'tradition,' while the others have singular prophets in the form of Sister Ellen White, Joseph Smith, and Mary Baker Eddy.

In other words, they worship a God who has either:

(1) Mistakenly, but innocently, forgot He left out essentials in His Word which must be added by a latter-day prophet(s) to complete the full revelation of His will.

(2) Purposely left out essentials not necessary to be known by His Church until now, when He sends a latter-day prophet(s) to

proclaim new and important truths.

But this is not the God who declares His way is perfect (Psalm 18:30; [2 Samuel 22:31](#) are examples).

His numerous warnings against adding to or taking away from His Word also imply the sufficiency of Scripture (Deut. 4:2; 12:42; Rev. 22:18).

Adding to Scripture frequently results in contradicting Scripture. For example, the Roman Catholic doctrines of Purgatory and Sacrifice of the Mass contradict the sufficiency and perfection of Christ's once for all sacrifice on the cross. The Adventist doctrine which teaches the necessity of keeping the 7th-day Old Testament Jewish Sabbath Law, contradicts justification by faith in Christ's keeping of the Law, as well as the truth which clearly states, *by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified* ([Romans 3:20](#); [Galatians 3:11](#)).

CONCLUSION: Without the supernatural revelation of God which efficaciously opens the eyes, mind and heart of a sinner, causing him to believe and obey the will of God as set forth in the Old and New Testaments, man will forever seek and believe that which emanate from the minds and hearts of depraved humans, influenced by the principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this world.

*NEXT: And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*