

presumption for me to lay hold of it. But when I see that God commands me to believe, lays upon me all the weight of divine authority to shut me up to faith, and therefore makes my unbelief my greatest disobedience and rebellion, all such feelings are swept away. Surely there can be no presumption in obeying the command of God. He will never find fault with me for doing what He has laid upon me as my first great duty toward Him. All the presumption would be in not believing. It is not using a great liberty to believe: it is simply keeping the commandment of God. The liberty is all the other way. You use a great liberty when you refuse to believe. Be not disobedient. Displease not God by unbelief; rather please Him by believing. Oh, how loving is God! He would shut up you and me, and all men, to salvation in Christ by commanding us thus. If any man is not saved, it is not because he has broken all the ten commandments, but because he has broken this New Testament commandment. Accordingly, does any, the vilest sinner out of hell, ask, What must I do to be saved? I have no difficulty in answering in the words of the old hymn:—

Nothing, either great or small,
Nothing, sinner, no.
Jesus did it, did it all,
Long, long ago.

When He from His lofty throne
Stooped to do and die,
Everything was fully done.
Listen to His cry—

“It is finished.” Yes, indeed,
Finished, every jot.
Sinner, this is all you need;
Tell me, is it not?

Till to Jesus’ work you cling
By a simple faith,
Doing is a deadly thing—
Doing ends in death.

Cast your deadly doing down,
Down at Jesus’ feet;
Stand in Him, in Him alone,
Gloriously complet-.

But there is

ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL ERROR

which seems to be found in Mr. Mills’ teaching, and which is really the basis of that which we have been considering. He holds unscriptural views as to the state of man by nature. He says, “Mothers, always remember there is an angel in your child.