

GROWING IN GOD PODCAST



GIG292 – Christians in the World of AI

Thank you for joining me for this podcast today. I want to talk a little bit about AI. It is obviously a main topic of discussion in today's world, and there are many concerns about the things of AI that are coming about. Personally, I feel like it is very much like any of the other technologies that we have seen. They all have potential to do good, and they have equally the ability to go awry and be misused. But we have to understand that those consequences are generally the result of humans and their use of the technologies that come forth.

I personally believe that much of technology has a place in the Kingdom; and I do not know that they are not being discovered in preparation for the Kingdom of Christ coming into the earth, because they have quite a capacity to serve mankind in wonderful ways. I think we have seen this historically with atomic energy. That has been discussed now over many years, and we have seen it being used for good and for bad, leading to other discoveries that have a real place in our world. So how do we think about these things of technology? Well, I believe, again, that they are a positive, and that really they are something that the Lord is bringing about for the blessing of humanity. But, again, all of these technologies are used by man; and so as we find ourselves in a world where wickedness is increasing, then I think we do find the possibility that things like AI can be used for evil just as well as they can be used for good. And as iniquity begins to abound, then I think we will see negative things come as a result of technologies which are being discovered, and AI is a main one. It is going to impact our lives, we as Christians are going to be living in an AI world; and so, what I want to talk about is, how do we, as believers in Christ, relate to this idea of AI?

I think that it requires us to reach into the Lord for something greater than we have had of a maturity. We call this podcast *Growing In God*, and I believe this is an area that requires us as believers to grow in maturity, to grow our walk with God more than what we have. It is going to put a pressure upon us to grow and mature. And so, I want to start by reading out of Isaiah the eleventh chapter, in verses 1-3. It talks prophetically about Messiah.

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear.

I want to stop there with this verse 3, because it really holds something for us of an understanding. When Messiah, when Christ, came, when Yeshua was in the earth, He did not judge by what His eyes were seeing nor by what His ears were hearing. And I think that what we are talking about today in this thing of AI, we are coming into a very similar reality. It is going to be impossible, I believe, for us to know and understand and distinguish on a natural level what is the truth and what is the lie. We are not going to be able to trust what our eyes see, because of what AI is capable of producing in the likeness of any person, any individual. We are not going to be able to trust what our ears hear, because of the same technology. It is going to be able to mimic voices perfectly. You will not be able to distinguish if what you

are seeing is a specific individual, nor if what is being said is coming from that individual. And so, it really throws us into facing what Christ faced.

Part of His ministry as Messiah was the reality that He was able to not make judgements and decisions by what His eye was seeing or by what His ear was hearing. In other words, the natural realm is not going to be a place for us to try to understand what is going on in the world about us. We are going to have to reach into a spiritual world, into a spiritual maturity, that allows us to judge, to make decisions, to understand things from a different perspective. And I believe this is really the reality that we as Christians are facing when we talk about living in a world of AI.

The book of Malachi in chapter 3, verses 14-18, says,

“You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the Lord of hosts? So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up but they also test God and escape.’” Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem His name. “They will be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Malachi is prophesying days to come in which it would be impossible to really know who is righteous and who is wicked, who is doing the right things and who is doing the wrong things. We would see a day coming when those who are arrogant will be called the blessed ones, and those who do wickedly will be built up and honored; and it will be said that they test God and escape. So everything is turned on its head, and I think this is part of the days that we live in that we call sort of the end times, or however you term it. But we definitely live in days when that which is evil is called good, and that which is good is called evil. We are living in a day, and we are going to see increasing days, of persecution against Christians and against Jews. We are seeing that already begin to happen on an unprecedented level, and I believe that some of this is going to be exacerbated by the technology of AI. It is going to be used for the purpose of persecuting Christians, making it look like an individual is doing things or saying things that they are not doing.

But how are you going to know the truth? Because the world, who is judging by what the eye sees and what the ear hears according to the prophecy that Isaiah brought, those who lean on their own understanding, who lean on the natural level, on the material world around them, they are going to be in deep confusion. And Malachi is saying that these days are coming. So, what is to happen? Well, part of this prophecy is that there are going to be those who fear the Lord and begin to seek Him, and give attention, and a book is going to be written for those who esteem God. There is going to be that which really stands up for the Lord. And I believe we are starting to see that in this day and age, that people are realizing they must take a stand. They must stand up, they must speak up; and that is important for us to do. When God sees this move of His people, it says that He is going to “spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” So I think there is going to be a special covering in salvation that comes from the days that we live in, a protection that God brings to those ones.

I remember Christ weeping, sitting and looking back at Jerusalem, saying, “I would have gathered you under My wing like a hen gathers her chicks.” I think there is a gathering that Christ wants to make in this day and age, a sparing of the people that are reaching out and seeking after Him. And as that

happens, then there will be an ability to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not. Again, looking at what Isaiah prophesied about Messiah, He had a special anointing from the Father that He was able to judge and see the truth without depending on His natural faculties; and there is going to be that in this time, which Malachi is prophesying. Those who are going to be spared are going to be given an ability to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked.

I want to jump to First Corinthians the second chapter at verse 14. It says, "But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised." The things of the Spirit are going to be seen as foolishness, but there is going to be that which is given to the believer. The natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; but there will be a move and a maturing of the body of Christ, those believers who are going to begin to know and understand and see the Spirit of God, and be able to hear and be taught by the Spirit of God. So, if we are living in a natural world, judging by what our eyes see and our ears hear, we are going to miss this. But there are going to be those who the Spirit is not foolishness to, and they are going to be able to understand what the Spirit is saying.

Verses 15-16 say, "But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." This mind of Christ will be given to the body of Christ so that there will be an ability to appraise things, to see things by the Spirit, to hear things by the Spirit. Christ said of Himself, "I do those things which I see the Father do. I speak those things which I hear the Father speak." He was getting His information not by reading the newspaper and listening to the radio, and commentators, and certainly not politicians of the day; but instead He was getting His information by the Spirit of God from the Father. And that same ability, that same enabling, is going to come to those of us who believe and press in to walk with God and be taught by the Spirit of the Lord. Because it says, "We have this mind of Christ." The mind of Christ is resident in the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is going to be given to us. But we cannot just passively walk with God in this day and age; we are going to be challenged by technology, certainly by AI, to move into another level of maturing as Christians.

Hebrews 5, at verses 12-14, says,

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

So we see that it is not enough just to have an elementary salvation experience in God; there is something that we must press into. It is because of this practice of moving in to understanding the Word of God, being taught by the Spirit, relating to the Holy Spirit; of course, first being baptized in the Holy Spirit so that we are reaching to be filled with the Holy Spirit. And this is warning us, because it is saying that there are many believers; and I think that, again, this is part of the day we live in. There are wonderful things of revival happening through this land, but it is not enough just to get a lot of people to receive Christ as their Savior and understand that He is our Messiah. You have to go on. You have to grow in God. You have to move into far greater things of understanding and maturity. So everyone who only drinks the milk of the Word and stays on an elementary, infant level, they are going to be in trouble

during these days, because solid food is for the mature. You have to start reaching in, being able to eat solid food.

You do that because of practice, as this Scripture says; and we do that. When infants grow, you do not just wean them off of mother's milk and start feeding them steak. You give them solid food little by little, as they can tolerate it, and you give them that which is going to help them to grow in their ability. And that is what we need to see spiritually during this time. There must be the solid food that begins to be given to the body of Christ to mature those ones; and through the practice of their walk in the Spirit, they are going to be trained again to discern good and evil. See, it will be by the Spirit that we will understand what is being said and know the truth from the lie. We must know that, or Christians will be as deceived as non-believers in this day in which we live.

In John 8, verses 31-32, it says, "So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'" There is a continuing in the Word, there is a reaching in to eat the Word, to find the solid food of the Word of God, and to study and to reach in for an understanding that goes beyond just the simple facts of basic salvation. If we have this, if we continue with Him, then it says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." It is the truth. Christ said He is the way, the truth, and the life; and this truth is going to free us from the oppression and the confusion and the lies of this age that we live in. It is going to give us the ability to discern and see, not from the natural level, not trusting in our natural senses, but instead walking in something new that comes to us in a teaching by the Holy Spirit.

John 16, verses 12-15, says, "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on his own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." The Holy Spirit is going to teach us as the Holy Spirit Himself receives. He receives, and He gives what He hears. What He hears He is going to give to us, and what we speak is going to be what we hear through the Spirit. "...He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you." He will disclose Christ to us, the things of Christ, the mind of Christ. As it is already said, we have the mind of Christ available to us, and it is going to be imparted to us as we learn to walk in the Spirit. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you." There is nothing that the Father held back from Christ. He was the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form. And now the Holy Spirit is ready to take those things, all that the Father has given to Christ, He is going to take of that fullness of Christ and He is going to disclose it to those believers who are reaching to walk and learn and be taught by the Spirit.

One more set of verses I want to read to us is out of John the fourteenth chapter, verses 16-21.

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you [see, we are to know the Holy Spirit, and He will abide with us and He is, and will be, in us]. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know... [and I believe we are in that day]. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you... [that is a tremendous verse]. In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and

I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

Christ will disclose Himself to us, and we are going to be filled with the Father, with the Son, and with the Holy Spirit; and we are going to be able to move in the mind of Christ. All these things are taught to us by the Spirit of God as we begin to mature.

One last thing I just want to add here. I know I said I was done, but there are just a couple more verses we have to get. They are out of Ephesians 4. Verses 10-12, “He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.” What is Christ doing right now? He is filling all things. That includes you and me, just like He said, that He will be in us. “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.” It is time for the body of Christ to be built up, and we have to see those ministries of Christ, as He has appointed, come into service now to the body of Christ to build it up. How is it built up? Verses 13-14 say, “Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God [the full knowledge of the Son of God], to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” This is what we are doing in our growth in God. We are maturing to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. And as a result of that, “we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, and the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.”

There is going to be a lot of that in this day and age surrounding technology, and especially AI. It is going to be like doctrines and trickery of men, craftiness in deceitful scheming, looking to deceive the whole world. That is satan’s great determination, to bring all of humanity into deception and drive them away from God. But the promise of maturing in Christ is that we come to the measure of the stature which belongs to His fullness, and we come into the mind of Christ. And as we do, we, the body of Christ, we who believe in Messiah, are no longer to be children tossed here and there by the waves, by the trickery, by the scheming, by the deceit that is happening in this age.

Verses 15-24,

But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind [the natural mind is going to bring people into futility], being darkened in their understanding [darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the people, as the Word says], excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former matter of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

We are to lay aside the old self. Like Christ, we will not judge by what the eye sees or what the ear hears. But we are going to put on the new self in the likeness of God that has been created in

righteousness and holiness, and we are going to be those individuals, as well as the body, that God is looking for to speak His Word into this age in which we live. It is time for us as believers to know how to walk in the Spirit, be taught by the Spirit, and receive the impartation of the mind of Christ from the Spirit, so that we might be those who do His will and are free from the lies and deception of this age that we are living in now.

I bless this to all of us. Lord, help us to walk in it.

Amen.