

From the Pit to the Palace

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I recently read of a baptist preacher that tested a brand new AI app, requesting a sermon about Joseph in Egypt. The title of the artificial sermon was the fancy words “From the Pit to the Palace.”

AI technology is taking the world by storm. Just within the last few months, AI went from unknown into full-blown, across-the-board technology. This technology is very scary, even in the words of the creators of the system. Biblically, all of that is to be expected. My worry is about technology (also) becoming a part of the Apostolic world, secretly at first.

For example, Chat-GPT4 is much faster than google; AI can already write whole (beautiful) sermons within seconds, faking the so-called “anointed leading” of a lazy-boy sofa preacher. Obviously, nothing of the such is happening at this exact timestamp of life... however, I don’t think we will have too long to wait before slothful preachers will “consult” the chatting witch for a catchy sermon title, then on to full outlines and finally progress to entire word by word messages.

This is extremely worrisome because the future of Pentecost is fraught with the possible contamination of demonic “digital” possession disguised as a spirit of anointing.

All of the which causes a major dilemma for the Church: will we be able to distinguish real anointing and true (powerful) sermons directly from the Throne of Heaven when compared to these “other” sermons that are “perfectly worded” and presented with unique outlines designed for awesome presentations. Will the future of preaching be more “wow and wonder,” trumping (in the ears of the masses of lost souls) over the authentic, yet socially incorrect, John the Baptist type preaching on the banks of a dirty river?

How can we save the day and keep digital AI contamination out of preaching? I don’t really have a clear answer, however... we need spiritually sensitive elders to keep the younger generation of preachers on their knees instead of on AI platforms as they seek in the Holy Ghost (not digitally search) for their next sermon. We also need the gifts of the Spirit in full operation... not “shallow” gifts, but rather deep, powerful discernment after weeks of fasting and daily hours of prayer.

Obviously, computers, etc., are very useful devices. But as for myself, I refuse to consult any form of Mr. Chat-GPT (Godless - Perverse - Tainted) for my spiritual inspiration. If God goes silent on me (His prerogative), I will shut my mouth and wait on Him... silence is golden over being a digitally possessed preacher.

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