

AI and a Theology of Technology (Part II)¹

Faith Reformed Church Sunday School

October 8, 2023

I. Opening Prayer

II. Review of Last Week

A. A Definition of Technology: *What is technology?*

Technology = a God-given, man-made tool or technique that enables human beings to gain dominion over the earth and lessen the effects of the curse.

B. The Development of Technology: *Where does technology come from?*

Genesis 4 – Technology as *Man-Made*

Isaiah 28:23-29 – Technology as *God-Given*

III. The Deployment of Technology: *How have humans wielded technology?*

A. Genesis 6 – The Use of Tar for Great Good

B. Genesis 11 – The Use of Tar for Great Evil

IV. God's Dominion over Technology: *Why does God ordain technology?*

A. God *Controls* Technology by His *Providence* (Isaiah 54:16-17)

B. God *Constrains* Technology by His *Power*

C. God *Capitalizes* on Technology for His *Purposes*

D. God *Conquers* Technology through His *People*

Iron Age: David vs. Goliath Revisited (1 Sam 17)

V. The Church's Discernment of Technology: *How can the Church use AI wisely and ethically for God's glory?*

A. The Coming AI Revolution

B. The Sufficiency of Scripture

C. The Stupefaction of the Saints

¹ For an excellent book on this subject, see Tony Reinke, *God, Technology, and the Christian Life* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2022). For B.J.'s notes on this book, you can e-mail [bphilbelink@gmail.com](mailto:bhilbelink@gmail.com).

D. Specific Issues:

AI authoring hymns/praise songs

AI producing a corporate confession

Busy pastors using AI to generate sermon outlines or illustrations

Church secretaries employing AI to produce logos, draft e-mails, etc.

Small group leaders using AI to generate discussion questions or outlines of biblical passages

E. Discussion

VI. Closing Prayer

*Note: Our next and final lesson on AI will be two weeks from now—**Sunday, Oct. 22**