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ALIGNMENT

I would like us to put away all thoughts of what our day was like or things that we need to do tomorrow, ok? ALIGNMENT, when you hear it, what does the word alignment mean to you?

- Does it mean to walk out the sermon that your Pastor preached on Sunday morning?
- Does it mean agreeing with your fellow pray warriors on specific prayer points?
- Does it mean that the prophets you have been listening to are all speaking the same thing?

Yes and yes. Alignment means all those things. Let's adjust our focus just a little and head into higher realms of God. You do realize God is limitless and all powerful, right? But, if we do not align our thoughts on what God is saying and doing in a ***Kairos moment***, we may not break the barrier that keeps us from hearing or understanding, what the Spirit is saying to us.

- ***Kairos moments*** are like God's suddenlies. God interrupts our daily life to bring a spiritual message to us through an action or divine revelation.
- Strong's #G2540 = appointed time, right season, epochs



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THE FRESH MANNA PRINCIPLE – A NOW WORD

I had been praying about our topic for the class/workshop for a month or so. Maybe, it was more of a wrestling match, with back and forth thoughts on what the “ART” of Worship truly is. God answered my prayer and broke that barrier that was keeping me from hearing. He spoke to my spirit with clarity. How did it happen? Well, Gary and I recently listened to a profound message from our spiritual Mom, Sigi Oblander. I believe the LORD used that message to strengthen, and encourage me to share about the creative (artistic) Nature of God.



“When we copy other Worship Arts Ministries, it is no longer prophetic because, it is not a now word that God gave to you, for the people.”

-Gail Glover



Sigi is a prophetic voice to the nations in this hour. She speaks a fresh Word in due season (a now word), from the heart of God. The wrestling I was sensing was because I was seeking a fresh manna from the throne of God. In my studies I came across this principle in Gail L. Glover’s book; Order My Steps II.¹

Let’s dig in and start from the beginning.

ELOHIM: CREATOR GOD

The first verse of the Bible declares, *“In the beginning, God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth” Genesis 1:1.*

- Elohim: Strongs #H430 = the Supreme God, the One True God
 - Elohim is plurality = 3 persons in One [Father, Son & Holy Spirit]
 - EL is singular = God

When studying the scriptures we find that the name Elohim is used over 2,500 times in the Scriptures. We know that a word is repeated twice in scripture we are to sit up and take notice. So when Elohim is used over 2,000+ times, it is showing us the supremacy of God throughout the scriptures. The name Elohim points us to God’s power, majesty, greatness, and authority over the universe



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from the very beginning. It brings us to the understanding that God [Elohim], **created** everything... that includes you and me!

Elohim is the master artisan; His attention to detail in creation is astounding. Did



you ever take a moment to look at a rose and experience its fragrance? Could you see the creativity of your Creator in it? Look at the intricacy of design, its pleasant fragrance or the color of the petals.

Selah... (Pause, and think about it).

Elohim spoke things into existence
...WOW what power is displayed!

Take a look at the very beginning of the written word. I've counted 9 times that the term; "And God said" is written in, Gen. Chapter 1.

- Genesis in Hebrew = beginnings, Strongs #H7225
 - b'reshit: Strongs #H7225 for "beginning" or bara: Strongs #H1254 for "create"
 - *Bara does not always mean to create out of nothing. When God (bara) Adam, He formed him from the dust of the ground (earth). Genesis 2:7*
- Genesis in Greek = origins, Strongs #G1078

Conversations can be quite interesting at times. For instance, when we are in close proximity of others in a room, we sometimes overhear conversations, right? We might hear it said; "Oh boy, that one is a work of art!" Think about it, this statement may be sarcastic in nature, but in actuality, that person is speaking pure truth.

Beloved, people are funny, sometimes that do not hear what "self" is speaking. Watch your words; be mindful of what you are saying. Words have power; they can bless but also curse.



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He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards himself from troubles. Proverbs 21:23

BIBLICAL CREATIVITY

Definitions of Creativity

- Worldly perspective:
 - Merriam-Webster definition: the skill and imagination to create new things
- Biblical perspective:
 - *Genesis 1:1 declares, "In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth."* The LORD, our God is the ultimate creative. Elohim fashioned the entire universe including us. His creativity breathed us into being.
 - Genesis 1:27 also tells us that God created humanity in His image. If, you and I are created in His image, creativity is within us, we just have to tap into that creative flow from heaven.



The Bible says we are God's masterpiece; we are His, "work of art." We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us]. Ephesians 2:10 AMP

The world speaks of creativity as imagination and skill. If we look at these first instances of creativity in Genesis 1, we can begin to understand something



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somewhat differently. In the Biblical understanding of creativity; it is a *flow* direct from the Spirit of the *living* God.

PREPARATION

Beloved, you can have creativity and be very artistic in nature and still not experience God's fullness in your life. Why? Because tapping into the "flow" of God, demands a total surrender of self. God wants us to come into the secret place of worship in the most holy place. He desires to show you treasures and the deep truths that are hidden in plain sight waiting for you to seek them out. It begins with our asking the Holy Spirit to lead us. He will lead us to treasures as we read and apply the Word to our daily lives.

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." 1 Corinthians 10: 9&10

Seeking brings us to the understanding that, there is a time of preparation. And yes, we all must go through the process, there are no short cuts. If you think you'll take the short cut, I have to say you must like repeating a lesson over and over again. I had to learn the hard way so I pray this save you the agony of repeating a lesson, amen? Let me encourage you to find other like-minded believers who can council and pray with you on our journey.

What is the preparation? It's the process of dying to self (the flesh), and cultivating in our love relationship with Jesus Christ. We have the Spirit within us and he teaches us God's will, His plans, His purpose and destiny for our lives. To enter the creative flow of God, it takes a full surrender of our will. What does that actually mean? It means I must decrease, so He can increase (John 3:30).

The self-life must die; it is contrary to the Spirit-led life. It takes our submitting and identifying with the work of the cross of Christ, and His redeeming blood that was shed for us. Jesus had to die so we could live. **The bottom line is: we must die to self to enter the flow, there is no other way.**



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CREATIVE FLOW

A Creative Flow; this is the “Art” of our worship. It must begin from within...

The flow is the unlimited realm of God. In the flow of God, we experience life on a whole new level of intimacy with Jesus, the lover of our soul. The best way we can express our love is to worship Him with every fiber of our being. It is a time to give it all, no more holding back!

As a creative worshipper I love images! And in my minds’ eye I see us coming face to face with Creator God, Elohim. Yes, the scriptures say that, no man shall see God’s face and live but...

- Face to face is actually a Hebrew idiom with the meaning: there is nothing between you and God. The barriers are removed. The veil is rent and you have full access to His presence. It means you have revelation knowledge flowing within you from the throne of God.

In our present state of human bodily form, we would not be able to withstand the full power of God’s glory upon us, it would be fatal. We can only experience His presence in a limited way (from behind), as we read in Exodus 33:18-23. Jesus came to us as fully God and fully man so we could experience God in our midst.

Let’s get out our Bibles and read each one of these 8 characteristics of the Creative Worshipper.

8 CHARACTERISTICS OF A CREATIVE WORSHIPPER

1. Elohim [God] is supreme in my life. *Exodus 20:3 [KJV]*
2. A prayer warrior. *Philippians 4:6 [KJV]*
3. Berean of God’s Holy Scriptures. *2Timothy 2:15 [KJV]*
4. An emissary [representative] of righteousness and holiness. *Luke 1:75 [KJV]*
5. Walking in discernment [spiritual insight]. *Malachi 3:18 [KJV]*
6. Passionate about leading others to salvation. *John 3:16-17 [KJV]*
7. Walking in *agape* [unconditional] love. *John 15:9 [KJV]*



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8. Are you His Bride [a covenant relationship with Yeshua (Jesus)]. *Song of Songs [NKJV]*

PROPHETIC EXERCISE

Song: Soul Cry – Misty Edwards (*continuous play*)

As we move into the second portion of this class. I would like us to see things in scripture through the eyes of our God-given creativity. God's given each of us different expressions of creativity. Let's press into our creative flow, and see what the Holy Spirit shows us. I pray God will help each of us to see beyond the words, and into the unlimited realm of His handiwork.

A Short Story

About 10 years ago, I was at a women's Aglow meeting here in the area. I am not sure if those meeting are still active or not, anyway. I did a ministry "dance" to the song; Oceans by Hillsong United. It was kind of a mini play on the words of the song. I was dressed in all white and I worshipped with a white veil, and moved about the room.

After the song had finished, an elderly gentlemen came up to me, he was there with his wife. He said; "I don't understand what you were doing young lady but, it was beautiful and I liked it."

It made my heart smile.

The Ministry of Creative Arts is visual, and during worship, it is movement.

1. *Expression without words*
2. *Giving expression to the Word*
3. *Transcends the language barrier to reach the spirit*

APPLICATION: Personal Prophetic Insight

Take about 10-12 minutes for the exercise (play soft instrumental)

Make up index cards with a scripture written on them from the book of Ezekiel. There are 4 questions I would like you to consider as you meditate on your



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scripture cards. Write down your impressions on the card or a separate piece of paper if you need more room to write. (This card will be yours to keep for future reference.)

4 QUESTIONS

1. What do you see?
2. Is there a prophetic message?
3. Who or what is this about?
4. What sacred worship tool, movement or visual would you use to express this scripture?

Meditate on your scripture verse – answer the 4 questions the best you can. There are no wrong answers. We are each unique and wonderfully made. Our creativity will differ from those around you but don't hold back, let it flow!

In a brief summary; write down what the Holy Spirit has shown you through this exercise. What understanding did the LORD speak to your spirit about the creativity within you?

Closing Prayer

~Lora

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