

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Amazing Chesed: Living a Grace-Filled Judaism

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1. Before you read *Amazing Chesed*, how did you understand the idea of grace? In what ways did you associate grace and Judaism?
2. What reaction did you have to the nondual understanding of God presented by the Jewish mystics (pp. 6–7)? What is your understanding of God?
3. What does it mean that “grace and creation are a seamless happening” (p. 27)?
4. How do you feel about the notion that “God’s grace precludes nothing and guarantees nothing” (p. 31)?
5. Rabbi Rami argues that creation has a direction but not a purpose, and that we are the *makers* of meaning and purpose rather than the *recipients* of meaning and purpose (pp. 40–43). How might this idea impact your life?
6. In what way might Rabbi Rami’s rereading of the Ten Sayings (pp. 112–114) deepen your understanding of the Ten Commandments?
7. How did you react to Rabbi Rami’s reworking of Shabbat in light of his understanding of grace (chapter 8)?
8. How might you incorporate the idea of grace presented in *Amazing Chesed* into your daily life?
9. What might it mean for you to “choose life” (p. 139)?