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"We often think that grace enters the Bible when Jesus appeared. However, Preston shows us that within the pages of the confusing, sometimes bizarre, and often war-filled pages of the Old Testament, there is heaps and heaps of grace. And the more we look, the more grace we see—grace that melts our hearts in worship of our God who shows His overwhelming, mind-blowing, over-the-top amazing grace from Eden to the New Jerusalem."

Dan Kimball, Leadership, Mission and Teaching at Vintage Faith Church, and author of Adventures in Churchland

"A book on grace with the power to liberate us from the weight of works and requirements and do-goodisms that have plagued Christians for far too long. Every page is bursting with freedom. Finally, a grace-filled book on grace!"

Jonathan Merritt, author of Jesus Is Better Than You Imagined

"Preston Sprinkle writes a book on grace that is long overdue. Christians love to talk about grace and we name our churches Grace, but grace like God's is in desperately short supply. Sprinkle frees us to live in God's grace as Jesus embodied it. That kind of grace is unnerving, and for the most part, unprecedented in the Christianity most of us know. *Charis* is a must-read for every pastor, student, leader ... and anyone who has walked through the doors of a church and felt inadequate, judged, unworthy, or unspiritual. Preston brilliantly reminds us that God no longer sees you as the failed one, the messed up one. Because the kind of grace Sprinkle writes about changes it all, and God only sees you as precious and priceless. So much so that like a tattoo, your name is written on the hands of God. This is what makes *Charis* a game changer for all of us."

Palmer Chinchen, PhD, cultural artist and author of True Religion and The Barefoot Tribe

A Look at Grace from a Most Surprising Perspective – The Old Testament

Grace. We want to domesticate it, calm it down, and stuff it into a blue blazer and a pair of khakis. But biblical grace – or *charis* – doesn't like to settle down. Grace is a dangerous topic because the Bible is a dangerous book.

Charis flows from the Preston Sprinkle's half dozen years teaching the Old Testament to college students. You might think that would produce a book about judgment – but no way. He shows how every character, every event, every single page from the Old Testament bleeds with grace.

Take a journey into *Charis* - where harlots are hugged, enemies are enjoyed, and really bad people receive really good things from a Creator who stubbornly delights in undelightful people ... like us.

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