
Subject: Interesting Experience

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Earlier this year I met an Orthodox Jewish man, who I've gotten to know a little over the course of the summer. He goes to daily Synagogue(don't make the mistake of calling it a Temple, big difference to them) and prays and reads from prayer books or The Torah/Pentateuch. I invited him over to my place to read some scriptures to me in Hebrew. He read Psalms 91 and 103, and Genesis 1, plus he read some prayers they regularly pray. He explained a lot of their traditions and laws regarding how they conduct themselves; told me sayings that have been passed down from generation to generation. He went through the Hebrew alphabet and explain all the little differences between words and translations.(I'm thankful that God doesn't require me to understand, speak or write Hebrew, in order to go to heaven, whew!)

I have never known, personally, a practicing Orthodox Jew; and knew even less about the differences between the different sects. He is a interesting man and a wealth of information on Jewish ways and life. I really enjoyed learning a bit about Judaism, he promised to come back and visit again, and share. (He's respectful of my Christian beliefs, but will not discuss any thing about the NT or Jesus...Oh, he also wouldn't refer to ther OT as the 'old testament' because, he said there's only one testament, thus the NT doesn't exist in the mind of a Jew as being God's Word.)
