

Exodus 28:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

Analysis

Golden bells alternate with pomegranates around the hem—'a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate.' The pattern shows that testimony (bells) and fruit (pomegranates) are equally important and inseparable. Witness without fruit is hollow noise; fruit without witness is hidden light. Christ's ministry perfectly combines proclamation with demonstration, word with deed, sound with substance. True ministry alternates between speaking and showing, sound and fruit.

Historical Context

The alternating pattern ensured both elements appeared throughout the hem's circumference. Neither dominated; both were essential. The bells would ring with each movement, audibly announcing the priest's presence and activity.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does your life alternate between witness (bells) and fruit (pomegranates)?
2. Why are both proclamation and demonstration necessary in ministry?

Interlinear Text

פָּעֶמָּה	זָהָב	וְרִמֹּנִים	פָּעֶמָּה	זָהָב	וְרִמֹּנִים
bell	A golden	and a pomegranate	bell	A golden	and a pomegranate
H6472	H2091	H7416	H6472	H2091	H7416

עַל	שׁוּלְיָי	הֶמְעַיִל	סָבִיב:
H5921	upon the hem	of the robe	round about
	H7757	H4598	H5439

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