

# 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

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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

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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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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

## Interlinear Text

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bell A golden and a pomegranate bell A golden and a pomegranate  
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עַל שׂוֹלֵל הַמְּעֻלָּה סְבִיבָן  
upon the hem of the robe round about  
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