

COLERAINE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIEST EXODUS 28

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THE HEM-Exodus 28:33-35.

Around the hem - a pomegranate and a bell in sequence.

The golden bells gave out a *sound* as the High Priest moved.

The pomegranate, mentioned 25 times in scripture, is a symbol of *fruitfulness*.

- **THE ONCE FOR ALL ATONEMENT OF CHRIST**

Psalm 89:15 the *joyful sound* was linked to the year of Jubilee Leviticus 25:10 (Jubilee means *sound*).

On the Day of Atonement, the sound of the golden bells on the hem of the robe brought intense joy to the waiting people.

In the Jubilee year, those sounds led to the blowing of Trumpets declaring liberty throughout the land.

The *annual* atonement for sins made by the High Priest is described in Leviticus 16.

Christ, our great High Priest, made '*one perfect once for all*' atonement Hebrews 9:7-14.

His atonement has resulted in spiritual fruit -a numerous seed -- *saved sinners* Isaiah 53:10.

- **THE ONGOING ACTIVITY OF CHRIST**

The High Priest went daily into the Holy Place to offer intercession for the people Exodus 28:35; Hebrews 9:6.

Our Great High Priest ever lives in heaven to make continual intercession for us Hebrews 7:25.

The High Priest daily filled the lamps in the Holy Place with oil.

Christ, daily fills believers and congregations- *lampstands*- with the '*oil of the Spirit*'.

- **THE OVERRIDING AIM OF CHRISTIANS**

Psalm 133 refers to the *anointing oil* flowing from the High Priest's head down to the hem of his robe (*skirts*).

Jonathan Edwards wrote, '*It is obvious the bells on the hem represent believers.*' Each believer is in union with our Great High Priest.

Through the power of Christ's atoning work and the Spirit's anointing, we can be *fruitful* unto every good work and see fruit—souls brought to Him.

You are to use your tongue to *ring the golden bell* of testimony 1 Thessalonians 1:8.

Tell out the joyful sound, '*Jesus saves*'.