

When The Bell Tolls

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Around 1940, a noted novelist by the name of Ernest Hemingway wrote a story about the civil war in Panama, to which the one being written about was involved in voluntarily. At the end, it seemed that everything was over and finished, tragedy overcame him, thereby, a bell was struck announcing his end.

For historical purposes and even today, when there is a great catastrophic event that takes many lives, men still toll, or ring, bells to announce it. When sailing on the high seas on wooden ships that were not as strong as those today, many souls would be lost, and when the ship would return to port, a list would be posted in the town square, and then someone would begin to toll, or ring, the bell once for every life lost.

Someone wrote a song once, probably with this in mind. It was called, "When they ring those golden bells for you and me!" I can't find in the scriptures anything to suppose such an idea as this even though it seems very comforting.

The only thing I can find in the scriptures regarding golden bells is found in **Exodus 28:31-35** where these golden bells would announce the presence of the high priest. Since Jesus is called our Great High Priest in **Hebrews 9:11**, maybe this is what they had in mind, meeting Jesus some time after death.

But now, briefly, to the heart of our lesson, we will discuss the reality of our time, when someone will toll or announce our passing to any who may wish to be informed about it. Life for us today presents maybe more,

opportunities to our death noted. Many things end our journey here on earth, sudden illnesses over take us! Auto accidents do so every day. Sadly, many hasten the tolling of life's bells through dangerous lifestyles. Then some eventually wear out with longevity, but still, sooner or later, we all will have this day.

How many times do we, when visiting a funeral, do we ever think, **'the next one could be me.'** All too often we may say it, but if we do, many soon get over the thought. How do I know this? Because being a longtime preacher I see it in the living lifestyles of many with whom I am acquainted. They will readily admit to the reality of death but conduct their affairs as though they will live forever on earth.

One day after death (**Hebrews 9:27**), we will face our Lord in Judgment (**Revelation 20:11-15**). Still many act as though it will never happen. In **Psalms 14:1**, **"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."** So many will readily confess a belief in God but will never access faithful obedience to show their belief. This would be very foolish indeed. Has there been times in our own lives that we acted the same way? But, having considered the consequences of a burning hell, **'we sat up, took notice, and then obeyed the Gospel.'** The results were, **we were forgiven**, washed clean by the blood of Jesus in baptism (**Acts 2:38**). So, what do we engage in presently?

The answer is, preaching, teaching the good news of salvation given through obedience to the Word. So, sit up, pay attention, obey only the truth that saves. Then, when the bell tolls for you, you will not have to be scared out of your wits. The Lord will assist you even through death. What a comforting thought.

P.S. If we can help you to see the truth in God's Word, then attend church with us. We talk about such things here. Local 1-859-369-4165, any time.

Sincerely, Bob Casey

Kitchen Diva Feast on Fish at Christmas

by **ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS**

I've been reading about Christmas customs, holiday meals and traditional feasts in Europe. One of the things I love the most about studying food is the insight that culinary traditions give you into history and culture. Studying culinary traditions is a wonderful way to discover history through food.

I particularly enjoyed reading about a tradition called The Feast of the Seven Fishes, also know as The Vigil, along with several delicious recipes for preparing fish.

The fish often is used as a symbol of Christianity. Because of persecution faced by the early church, when a Christian met a stranger in the road, the Christian sometimes drew one arc of a simple fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in good company.

Preparing and eating seafood on Christmas Eve in celebration of the birth of Christ is an old European tradition. Many families abstain from eating meat and serve only fish or other types of seafood on Christmas Eve.

This traditional dinner is a southern Italian custom in which a meal of at least seven different kinds of seafood is served before midnight on Christmas Eve. A typical feast features various types of fish, eel, octopus, calamari, mussels, clams, sardines, shrimp and lobster.

While researching the preparation of the seafood for this feast, I discovered a delicious recipe for Pasta with Sardines and Lemon Caper Sauce. This budget-friendly recipe is packed with flavor while using only a few, high-quality ingredients. It's the perfect dish for feeding and serving a crowd during the holidays.



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Pasta with Sardines and Lemon Caper Sauce
 8 ounces angel hair (capellini) or spaghetti pasta
 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

- 1 cup Panko breadcrumbs
- 1 package (about 4.3 ounces) imported sardines, in pure olive oil, drained and oil reserved
- 1/2 medium onion, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons capers, rinsed
- 1/4 cup lemon juice, plus 3 tablespoons for sprinkling
- 3 tablespoons fresh parsley or basil, chopped

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain, reserving a cup of the pasta cooking water. Rinse pasta under cool water for a moment or two to keep the noodles loose. Reserve.

2. In a large skillet or saute pan, heat 3 tablespoons of the oil. Add the Panko breadcrumbs and toast until lightly browned and crunchy, stirring occasionally. Remove breadcrumbs to a bowl, season with salt and pepper, and set aside.

3. Add the remaining 4 tablespoons of olive oil and the reserved sardine oil to the pan and turn the heat to medium.

4. Once the olive oil is hot, add the onion, garlic, lemon zest, crushed red pepper, salt and pepper. Cook until the onions are soft and translucent (watch carefully so that mixture doesn't burn).

5. Add the sardines and capers to the pan. Saute for about 2 minutes until warmed through, breaking up sardines into smaller pieces as you saute. When the sardines begin to turn golden, slowly stir in the lemon juice.

6. Add the cooked pasta and freshly chopped parsley or basil to the pan. Toss pasta to evenly coat with sauce, mixing well with the other ingredients. If the pasta seems too dry, add a little of the reserved pasta cooking water, 1 tablespoon at a time, to loosen it a bit.

7. The pasta should not be thick or heavy, the noodles should be lightly coated with oil. Add additional salt, pepper, pepper or chili pepper flakes to taste, if desired. Top with the breadcrumbs and a sprinkle of lemon juice. Serve hot. Serves 4.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... ? Married, Engaged, Just

4. What priest was told he would not die until he saw the Savior? Joazar, Matthias, Simeon, Elionous
5. Where does the Bible tell us Jesus was born on Dec. 25th? Nowhere, Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:1, Luke 7:7
6. Who informed Joseph that the baby's name was to be Jesus? Herod, Pilate, Mary, an angel

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Goethe is recognized as one of the greatest German politicians and authors. Having keen insight into the life and future of his nation he wrote, "The destiny of our nation can be determined by the opinions of our youth!" Few would disagree with his observation.

The statesmen of our nation say the same: "The future lies with our youth." If that is true, and it is, we must admit that "the future of our youth lies with us!" And since that is true, and it is, we must ask ourselves, "What are we doing to prepare our youth to lead our nation?" Will they know the God of the Prophets and the Christ of the Apostles and disciples of the early church? Will they learn and fol-

low and lead with the "faith that was once delivered to the saints?" Or will they surrender their lives to the attractions of materialism and self-centeredness?

Recent studies reveal that 60% of our youth will no longer attend church when they turn twenty. And even though some churches have vibrant youth programs, they are having no long lasting influence on their lives. Few make a lifelong commitment to Christ, to serving Him. It seems obvious that we are entertaining but not educating.

What needs to be done? Moses, once again, provides insight and advice: "May Your deeds be shown to Your servants, Your splendor to their children."

The fact of the matter is that His deeds and splendor can only be seen in our lives. If our faith does not work for us, "why" they will ask, "should we believe in Your God?"

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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LUKE 3:5-6

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation.

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(Acts 4:36-37)

36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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