



-- _____ was an integral part of God's purposes for Israel.

-- **Jesus manifested the same sense of celebration while on earth.**

-- Scripture often finds Jesus in the middle of a celebration.

-- Not only did Jesus bring joy to people, but He seems to enjoy joyful people.

-- **A _____ Beyond Compare**

-- There will never be a greater cause to celebrate than the wedding celebration we read about in this text.

-- **No celebration in Israel was more anticipated than a _____.**

-- The ceremony was preceded by festivities that lasted as long as a week or more.

-- The jubilation was unceasing, the food was copious, and the celebration would overflow into the streets.

-- These wedding celebrations point forward to the ultimate wedding celebration between Christ and the church.

-- **v. 6-7 – The Scope, the Call, and the Cause of the Celebration**

-- No celebration on earth can remotely compare with this party.

-- The eagerly anticipated moment has finally arrived, and the King's bride is forever welcomed to a joy that is unspeakable.

-- As the church, we ought to maintain a spirit of celebration, because unending celebration is our _____.

-- A Precursor to an All-Glorious Wedding Feast

- As Jesus ordains this meal, He is calling us to look ahead to the time when it will be fulfilled in God's Kingdom (Luke 22:16-18).
- At the very foundation of the Lord's Supper is an understanding that everyone redeemed in Christ will celebrate this supper with Him again, in a much fuller sense, when He returns.
- The Lord's Supper is given to the church as a _____ on earth of the divine wedding feast to come.
- It is our enduring opportunity to experience and express the unparalleled joy that we will forever know as the ransomed bride our Savior loves, and cherishes, and redeems.

-- v. 9 – *"Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"*

- *Do we come to His table today with an awareness of just how blessed we are and will forever be?*
- *Do we come today as a bride comes to her _____
_____?*