



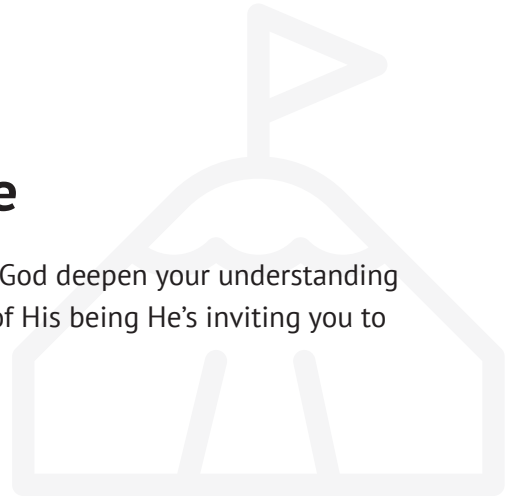
**SUMMARY** | Have you ever noticed how many parties there are in the Bible? How many festivals and feasts and weddings and celebrations? Why would that be? In the Old Testament, God hands down various have-to-keep laws that punctuate His faithfulness with celebration. In the New Testament, celebrations abound, culminating with the wedding banquet of the Lamb in Revelation. Let's take a look at various Scriptures of celebration as we consider the heart of our "Party God" that is behind them all.

## This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read through Leviticus 23. What do you learn about why our God celebrates and wants us to do so as well?
2. Psalm 23 is well-known to most of us. Read it slowly focusing specifically on verse 5. What did the thought of God preparing a lavish table in the presence of enemies mean to David? What does it mean to you?
3. Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding in Cana. Read John 2:1–12. What did His action there promise for all believers in the ages to come?
4. When the father is reunited with his prodigal son, he rejoices. Read Luke 15. What do you learn about our celebrating God from Him rejoicing over the lost ones who are found?
5. Scripture describes the coming of the messianic kingdom with a wedding where believers are reunited with Jesus. Read Revelation 19:6–9 and consider how God wants to prepare you to be with Him in His kingdom.

## Challenge

How does considering that we have a celebrating God deepen your understanding of His character? Is there a celebrating element of His being He's inviting you to embrace anew?



## Commit To Memory

“For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.  
So they began to celebrate.”

Luke 15:24



## Prayer

Dear God, help me to see You as the celebratory God You are, who's zealous and passionate to bring people to Yourself in love. Amen.

