

English translation:

In Ethiopia, weddings are celebrated in various ways. There are some differences between Christian and Muslim weddings but the main difference is between weddings in the city and in the country. Since my experience is in the city, that's what I will speak about.

Now, in the city, weddings are not celebrated during times of fasting. This is because, during fasting periods, most people are – the main fasts are before Christmas and before Easter and during fasting, people can't eat anything with meat, or cheese, or milk in it so weddings can't be properly celebrated. And since everyone won't be able to enjoy themselves, they aren't held at these times.

When fasting is over, there are many weddings. And people spend their Saturdays and Sundays going to weddings.

Weddings in Ethiopia, the ones that I've seen, have very many, many people because the guests aren't just the friends of the bride and groom but also all their relatives, the relatives and friends of their parents, people they've known for a long time, everybody gets invited, so the weddings get pretty big. This isn't simply for the happiness of the bride and groom but so that everyone they know can celebrate and be happy with them; everyone shares this joy together.

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