

The nature of God the Father is captured with majestic weight in both the **King James Version (KJV)** and the **Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Scripture** (which includes the standard biblical canon alongside uniquely preserved texts like the *Book of Enoch* and the *Book of Jubilees*). While the KJV frames God through a classic, poetic lens, the Ethiopian texts add an intensely apocalyptic, cosmic flavor to His majesty.

1. The Glory (Kebre)

In both traditions, the Father's glory is not just a concept—it is a physical, overwhelming weight of radiant, unapproachable light.

- **King James Version:** The KJV describes His glory as an all-consuming element. It is the *"brightness of his glory"* (Hebrews 1:3) and a *"devouring fire"* (Exodus 24:17). Isaiah 6:3 exclaims, *"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory"*.
- **Ethiopian Scripture:** In the *Book of Enoch* (fully preserved only in the Ethiopian Ge'ez language), His glory is amplified to cosmic proportions. God is called the **"Great Glory"** (1 Enoch 14). When Enoch is translated to heaven, he sees God's throne surrounded by a wall of fire, noting that *"none of the angels could enter and could behold His face by reason of the magnificence and glory."*

2. The Very Existence (Helewena)

His self-existence is absolute—He is uncreated, outside of time, and the source of all reality.

- **King James Version:** Revealed explicitly in the divine name given to Moses: *"I AM THAT I AM"* (Exodus 3:14). He is the *"Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending... which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty"* (Revelation 1:8).
- **Ethiopian Scripture:** The Ethiopian liturgy and texts frequently use the term **"Qedamawi"** (The First/Ancient One). In the *Book of Enoch*, He is called the **"Head of Days"** or **"Ancient of Days"** (1 Enoch 46:1). His existence is described as an unsearchable fountain of life that existed before the stars or the "signs of the heaven" were ever formed.

3. The Power (Hayl) & Authority (Seltan)

The Father's sovereignty is absolute; His words instantly dictate physical reality.

- **King James Version:** Authority and power belong exclusively to Him. *"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God"* (Psalm 62:11). He works *"all things after the counsel of his own will"* (Ephesians 1:11).
- **Ethiopian Scripture:** The Ethiopian Church emphasizes **"Egziabher"** (literally *"Lord of the Earth/Universe"*). In their theology, His power is completely effortless. The *Sunday School Department of Mahibere Kidusan* notes: *"He just said, 'Let there be' and the world was created... no other power, authority, or sovereignty exceeds Him"*. In 1 Enoch 2, His authority is proven by nature: the stars, seasons, and oceans obey His immutable laws without ever failing their appointed tracks.

4. The Character & Attributes (Ba'rey)

The core of the Father's personality balances infinite justice with boundless mercy.

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Holiness	<i>"Who is like thee, glorious in</i>	He is uniquely titled the "Holy

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	<i>holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"</i> (Exodus 15:11)	One or "Lord of Spirits," standing in total separation from sin.
Immutability (Unchanging)	<i>"For I am the Lord, I change not."</i> (Malachi 3:6)	<i>"According as God hath ordained so is it done... His tasks change not."</i> (1 Enoch 5:2)
All-Knowing (Omniscience)	<i>"His understanding is infinite."</i> (Psalm 147:5)	He sees the hidden depths of Sheol (the underworld) and knows human hearts before they are formed.
Mercy & Love	<i>"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy."</i> (Psalm 103:8)	He is the ultimate "All-Good" and "All-Sufficient" Father, who actively preserves mankind through sheer unconditional grace.

The Structural Synthesis: While the **King James Version** builds your foundation of the Father as the majestic King, Savior, and sovereign Creator, the **Ethiopian Scripture** extends that gaze, painting Him as the ultimate, fiery Ruler of the cosmos whose brilliant throne terrifies even the highest archangels.