

The Completeness of Islaam

أَتَمَّ vs. أَكْمَلَ

ALLAH says

أَلْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي

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This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you

أَكْمَلَ and أَتَمَّ mean 'to complete'. However, there is a slight difference between the two.

From the verb **أَتَمَّ** comes the word **تَمَامٌ** which means ‘complete’. When something is **تَمَامٌ** it is complete however, there is room for more. For example, in this ayah ALLAH says HE completed HIS favour/blessing on us. Does that mean that ALLAH can’t give us more blessings? No, of course not. So, **تَمَامٌ** though it means ‘complete’ still allows room for more.

From the verb **أَكْمَلَ** comes the word **كَمَالٌ** which also means ‘complete’. However, this word means that there is no more room for any excess whatever the amount.

So, when ALLAH talks about the completeness of Islaam HE uses the word that means that no addition is required, no addition can happen, there is no room for addition. Islaam covers all aspects of life, big and small. The religion is complete in all sense of the word.

When ALLAH talks about HIS blessings, HE uses the word that doesn't put a limit on HIS blessings because there is no limit. ALLAH's blessings are endless.

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[May ALLAH preserve him.]

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