

## The Window in the Ark

**"A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above..."** Genesis 6v16

Anyone who reads and believes every word of their AV Bible knows that God never wastes words, and He never bothers mentioning things that He didn't want us to know. For some reason He wanted us to know about that window, so he made sure to tell us about it. Many things about the Ark are a wonderful picture of being **"hid with Christ"** from the judgement of God etc, but let's consider just that window for a moment.

One of the functions of just about any window is to let in light. Noah and his family would have needed it in there! John says that in the Lord Jesus Christ **"was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness..."** (John 1v4-5) Jesus Himself said **"...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."** (John 8v12) The mention of the window which allowed Noah and his family to have light in the ark should remind us of **"the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."** (John 1v9)

Another function of windows is to let in fresh air. The smell in that ark had to have been pretty "rough" with all those seasick animals in there, and that open window would have had a purifying effect. Jesus said **"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."** (John 15v3), and Psalm 19 says that God's word is **"clean"** and **"pure"** while Psalm 119 says that it can cause a man to **"cleanse his way"**. God provided a window for the unsanitary conditions that Noah was placed in, and He's provided us with **"the word"** and **"the Word of life"** in this wicked world.

The window was to be set **"above"**. Colossians 3v2 says to **"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."** Noah and his family probably looked up at that window constantly to see if the rain had stopped, and we also ought to be **"looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."** (Titus 2v13)

Finally, there was only **"a window"**, not many. What a reminder that **"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."** (John 14v6), and that **"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."** (Acts 4v12)

I'm so thankful that God gives us such detailed instructions, and that He gave us the details about our sinful condition and about **"the man Christ Jesus"** Who came down to save sinners.

We sure are undeserving of His mercy and love, but I sure am thankful for it!