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Intro-- All of us are aware of the plight that Job faced. Family loss! Financial loss! Friends that turned on him! Even his wife told him to curse God and die. In Job the 19th chapter, Job chronicles his problems but then suddenly he shifts what he has to say and begins to decree his hope. That's what a lot of us need to start doing today as well. Look at what he says:

Job 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;

26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
That in my flesh I shall see God,

27 Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

I promise you that I will share with you three different DECLARATIONS with you that have the potential to change the way you live your life!

I can make such a promise because these commands I will share with you have helped me redirect the way I live my own life.

The First Declaration is:

1. STAKE YOUR CLAIM ON THE GROUND OF HOPE!

"For I know that my Redeemer lives,"

-You will either live in hope or despair.

Illus--In Anne of Green Gables, which I believe is the best family movie ever made, Little orphan Anne was storming up the stairs in exasperation. She screamed out, "I am in the depths of despair!" Her guardian, Maurilla Guthberg, replied, "Child, to despair is to turn your back on God!"

Living in despair is to live with your back turned toward God.

You will choose to look at your circumstances and turn your back on God, or you will face your circumstances knowing God will never turn His back on you. Job knew His redeemer lived and because he did, he had hope for his future.

2. ALWAYS MAGNIFY THE WORK OF REDEMPTION

"For I know that my Redeemer lives,"

-Job believed that his redeemer could redeem his situation. Everyone else thought "No way!" Job believed God would ultimately turn it all around even after if were after his death.

-God is in the salvage business.

Illus--Read about the man who made a lucrative business out of salvaging logs that everyone else thought were no good. Check it out by reading this [article](#) and visiting the following site www.logsend.com and read the history page. This is a beautiful picture of God's heart. He takes what others think is no good and makes something out of it that everyone else wants. We are his treasures. He has transformed trash into treasure.

3. REMEMBER NOTHING CAN KEEP A GODLY MAN DOWN!

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Illus--The movie, The Green Mile, when they were leading the prisoners down the corridor to lock them up on death row, the guard would call out as they brought him in to death row -- Dead Man Walking! Dead Man Walking! Why? Because all that was before him was the death.

When we have to stare at circumstances that are bleak and dim, or ever have to stare death in the face, we can just call out --Dead man rising! Dead man rising! Why? Because we know our Redeemer lives and in though our bodies are destroyed, in these bodies we shall see God!

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