1. Opening (1:1-4)

2. A Name Superior to the Angels (1:5 – 2:18)

- A. Christ the First Born (1:5-14)
- B. A Great Salvation (2:1-4)
- C. Christ Our Elder Brother (2:5-18)

3. A Merciful and Faithful High Priest (3:1-5:10)

- A. A High Priest Worthy of Faith (3:1-4:14)
- B. A High Priest Abundant in Mercy (4:15-5:10)

4. High Priest of a New and Better Covenant (5:11-10:39)

- A. Exhortation to Christian Maturity (5:11-6:12)
- B. God's Oath to Abraham (6:13-20)
- C. The Priesthood of Melchizedek (7:1-28)
- D. The New Covenant is Superior to the Old (8:1-9:28)
- E. The Efficacy of Christ's Priesthood (10:1-18)
- F. Holding Fast in Faith (10:19-39)

5. Faith and Endurance (11:1-12:13)

- A. Faith of the Old Covenant (11:1-40)
- B. Appeal of Endurance (12:1-13)

6. Walking the Straight Path (12:14-13:19)

- A. Holiness and Worship (12:14-28)
- B. Charity, Chastity, and Contentment (13:1-6)
- C. Submission to Leaders (13:7-19)

7. Doxology and Conclusion (13:20-25)

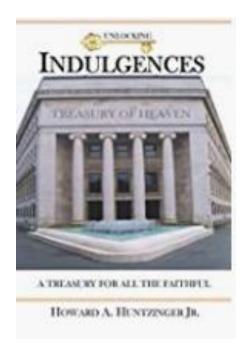
Hebrew 6:18-20 Hope Faith and understanding

1820 Christian hope unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching in the proclamation of the beatitudes. The beatitudes raise our hope toward heaven as the new Promised Land; they trace the path that leads through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint." (*Rom* 5:5.) Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul . . . that enters . . . where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf." (*Heb* 6:19-20.) Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: "Let us . . . put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." It affords us joy even under trial: "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation." Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

Hebrew 7:1-28 The one priesthood of Christ

1544 Everything that the priesthood of the Old Covenant prefigured finds its fulfillment in Christ Jesus, the "one mediator between God and men." The Christian tradition considers Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," as a prefiguration of the priesthood of Christ, the unique "high priest after the order of Melchizedek"; "holy, blameless, unstained," "by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified," that is, by the unique sacrifice of the cross.

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Manual of Indulgences

Reading Scripture 30 §1

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who read the Sacred Scripture as spiritual reading, from a text approved by competent authority and with the reverence due to the divine word, for at least a half an hour; if the time is less, the indulgence will be partial.

The Five Step for a Plenary Indulgence (Manual of Indulgences, N17-N20)

- 1. Sacrament of Confession
- 2. Receive the Eucharist
- 3. Perform the indulgenced work with the intention of gaining the Indulgence.
- 4. Pray for the intention of the Pope (Usually 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary)
- 5. Interior disposition: affection for sin, both mortal and venial.
 - 1. Affection: a favorable view or hidden delight sin.