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Why Avraham ran to greet the visitors without being told to

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Drawing on the Zohar's teaching that the stories of the Torah are garments for higher combinations of holy names, the author explains that Avraham's running to greet the three visitors was not an inference from a commandment already known, since hospitality is not spelled out as a mitzvah in the Torah. Rather, the verse's repeated "vayar" ("and he saw") signals that Avraham perceived, above, the sacred letter-combination of "vayaratz lekratam" ("and he ran to meet them") before he acted, which is how he knew that welcoming guests surpasses greeting the Shechinah (the Divine Presence). AI SUMMARY

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