Abraham was in need, and God came to visit him. There is no קֶם, no message, no command, no law, no promise. God simply came to see him. If two individuals are close friends, sharing a sense of intimacy and companionship, one need not have a message to deliver in order to walk into the other’s home. The highest form of friendship does not require words. Before this visit, the relationship between God and Abraham was a formal one; it did not involve friendship. There was a contractual relationship between employer and employee, between master and servant. Every קֶם was accompanied by a קֶם. But after Abraham was circumcised and the covenant established, there was a new intimacy, a new kind of friendship—one that did not have to be expressed in words, did not need speech or a message.
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but Abraham stood

before the Lord.

and if not, I will know.

22. And the men

turned from thence, and went toward Sodom;
When a Jew is convinced of his own righteousness, of his own scholarship and wisdom, he will be hesitant to perform the mitzvah of welcoming guest, for in his mind he is convinced that they have nothing more to teach him.

11. but the seventh (year)
thou shalt let it rest
and lie fallow,
that the poor of thy people may eat;

Rashi — אuí

1. Now these are the names of the sons of Israel

Even though He had counted them during their lifetime by their names (Gen. 46:8 ff.), He again counted them after their death, to make known (His) love for them. For they were compared to the stars which He takes out and brings in by number and by their names (Sh. R.), as it is stated (Isa. 40:26):

"He that bringeth out their host by number,
He calleth them all by name."