"It's better to fight for something than against something." --Author unknown

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Time is running out. We're hearing this phrase more and more from the White House as President Barak Obama attends a major nuclear summit in South Korea. Though North Korea is not on the agenda for this event, the President "stood on the doorstep" of this country and referred to them as "the odd man out." “Obama's mission here has morphed into a concentrated and calculated opportunity to warn, cajole and shame North Korea to change course. He has stared down North Korea from an observation post, lectured its leaders, pleaded for them to choose peace and belittled them as living 50 years in the past.”1

Nuclear weapons are not easily ignored. “Farfetched as it still appears to many, the brute fact is that if terrorists acquire just 100 pounds of highly enriched uranium (or even 35 pounds, using a more advanced weapon design), they could build an elementary nuclear bomb and use it to devastate the heart of a great city. The explosion could produce a yield of 10 kilotons, approximately the size of Hiroshima, engulfing a city in a mushroom cloud. A single event of this kind anywhere in the world would, in Obama's words, "destabilize our security, our economies, and our very way of life."2

Last week, speaking from the White House Rose Garden, "Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron appeared to ratchet up the pressure on Iran to engage in serious negotiations. Iran has shown a tendency in the past to "delay, to stall, to do a lot of talking," Obama said, but has not taken steps to dismantle its nuclear program. "I think they should understand that because the international community has applied so many sanctions, because we have employed so many of the options that are available to us to persuade Iran to take a different course," Obama said, "that the window for solving this issue diplomatically is shrinking."3

It seems the challenges to stabilize our world continue to mount. Threats to our security grow every day. How much longer until our civilization breaks into pieces? This week in our Sabbath school lesson we consider God's final solution to earth's problems—the second coming of Christ. We can look forward to a time when the Lord will end the arms race and all disasters on our planet. Justice will be meted out. A new earth will be created. Time is running out. That is good news for those who long for the return of Jesus.

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1. AJC

2. CS Monitor

3. L.A. Times
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