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What should be discerned in Matthew 7:24-27 is ultimately the contrast between the Church on the <u>Rock</u> vs. the Church-ill on the <u>sand</u>.

Matthew 7:26 - Church on the Rock vs. Church-ill on the sand

Matthew 7:21-29 (*KJV*) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, <u>I WILL</u> <u>LIKEN HIM UNTO A WISE</u> <u>MAN, WHICH BUILT HIS</u> <u>HOUSE UPON A ROCK</u>:

[This represents the Church on a Rock, and even *the* Rock.]

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.



This is Pulpit Rock in Norway, as viewed from below

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto <u>A FOOLISH MAN, WHICH BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE SAND</u>: [This represents the Church-ill on the sand.]

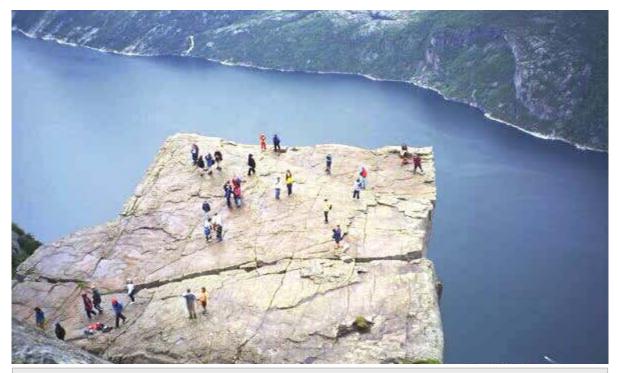
27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Key Understanding: *Church on the cross-carrying Rock*. The Church on the <u>Rock</u> reflects *cross-*carrying while the Church-ill on the <u>sand</u> (for example, the sands of Dunkirk) reflects *sword-*carrying.

Moreover, as concerns the Apostle Peter, the Church on the <u>Rock</u> reflects the <u>cross</u>carrying Apostle Peter, while the Church-ill on the <u>sand</u> reflects the "before the cross" <u>sword</u>-carrying Apostle Peter. The "before the cross" <u>sword</u>-carrying Peter illustrates that Peter himself was not yet ready to carry his own cross, which is why he denied Jesus Christ. Let's examine our subject more.



This is Pulpit Rock in Norway, as viewed from above. With its large crack, indicating that at some point in time it will break apart, it is a good representation of the sword-carrying church that believes it is built upon the Rock, but is actually built upon the sand of sword-carrying.

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